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Operating Engineers picket non-union contractor at Boeing plant

Iron Workers exercise their rights and teach apprentices the meaning of solidarity.

Operating Engineers Local 701 put up an area standards picket line at Boeing of Portland on June 10. The picket targeted Integrity Machinery Moving of Portland for allegedly paying workers below area-standard wages and benefits.

Non-union Integrity was on site to move and install new equipment that Boeing purchased from DMC Machinery.

According to Local 701 Business Manager Jimbo Anderson, when the picket line went up early on Monday morning, workers from multiple crafts walked off the job. Among them was an entire crew of ironworkers, members of Iron Workers Local 29.

Shortly after that, a van-load of Local 29 apprentices showed up to join pickets. The apprentices were at the union's training center located just a few miles from the Boeing

plant at 19000 NE Sandy Blvd. "It was a good hit, we got lots of support and our message was heard loud and clear," Anderson said.

Workers at Boeing are represented by Machinists Lodge 63 and the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA).

In the photo right, Uriah Chipman of Operating Engineers Local 701 hands out union stickers to workers who supported their area standards picket line, pictured below.



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