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LOGANSPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES



Bob Dunderman, Logansport
Municipal Utilities



Brad McBride, Logansport
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New Leadership Roles: Logansport Municipal Utilities

Congratulations to Bob Dunderman and Brad McBride on their recent promotions!

We're excited to announce that Bob Dunderman was recently promoted to Vice President of Operations for LMU. Bob started his career with LMU as a tree trimmer in 1984 and worked his way up the career ladder, Apprentice Lineman, Lineman, Foreman and his former position as Vice President of Operations.

Bob brings 38 years of experience to his new role and explained that it's relatively easy to be a good leader when things are going well. He believes the defining moment for a leader will be during times of crisis, when a leader is looked upon for support and guidance. *(Continued, Page 2)*

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Supervisory Development Series: Session Three

Mishawaka, IN.

March 16, 2022 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Topics for this session include:

- * Managing Your Time, Priorities and Projects
- * The Supervisors Role in Making Change Happen
- * Career Mapping: Preparing yourself and Staff for the Next Level

Transformer Theory and Connections Workshop

Scottsburg, IN.

May 24 - 26, 2022 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed for linemen of all levels of experience. Topics included in the workshop are worksite safety, OH and UG transformer construction and theory of operations, electrical connections, vector diagrams, and transformer banking, troubleshooting and testing. fusing and surge protection theories will be discussed.

2022 IMEA Annual Meeting & Vendor Expo

**LOCATION: Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa
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Bob has certainly proven his self as a leader, and we wish him much success in his new role.

Brad McBride has been employed with LMU for over 20 years and recently promoted to Director of Distribution. Brad began his career with LMU in the Planning Department and spent the last 12 years in the Metering Department and heavily involved in the utilities PCB program and Substation inspection & maintenance programs.

Brad believes effective leadership is a team effort and a partnership between staff and management. Leadership at LMU has provided a great support system, his promotion is also a lateral career move with many new responsibilities and having team members committed to making LMU a great place to work will assure a smooth transition.

Core Value at LMU: Safety & Training

LMU's leadership team feel it's extremely important to communicate effectively with staff. Both Bob and Brad agree that effective safety communication are the building blocks of a good safety culture. Team members are responsible for ensuring that all equipment being used is in safe working condition and that all PPE is properly maintained and used and safe practices are followed in all aspects of our day-to-day operations, because of the team's efforts we reported "no lost time injuries" for 2021.

2022 LMU Projects

One of the projects is replacing all 69 KV relays in all seven LMU substations. Logansport Municipal should be using all new technologies in those substations by the end of the year. Also, a new AMI project is underway, along with new billing software, demolition of the existing generating plant and coal conveyor.

Other projects consist of wrapping up a 16MW solar project and a new Waelz Sustainable Products (WSP) facility. LMU began their AMI initiative in 2021 and hope to have the project up and running by 1st quarter 2023.



Logansport Municipal Utility Line Crew

A longtime member of IMEA

LMU has been a member of the IMEA basically since its inception. For several years, LMU was a silent partner with the IMEA. Bob explained, "as I began to help assist in the decision making of our utility, we became more involved with the organization. Our first step to being more involved was to implement monthly safety meetings".

LMU has been a member of the safety program since the early 1990's. Brad added, "IMEA has provided us quality monthly safety meetings, mutual aid assistance, apprentice lineman training and opportunities to network with other municipal utilities".

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IMEA Workshop Calendar

2022

January

- 12 Supervisory Development Series: Session One (Mishawaka)
- 26 Excavation Competent Person (Lebanon)

February

- 8 & 9 Supervisor Safety (Lebanon)
- 16 Supervisory Development Series: Session two (Mishawaka)

March

- 9 - 11 Apprentice Top-Out Exam #031918 (Scottsburg)
- 16 Supervisory Development Series: Session Three (Mishawaka)
- 21 - 25 IMEA 612 Intermediate Workshop #032320 (Scottsburg)

April

- 4 - 8 IMEA 613 Advanced Workshop #031819 (Scottsburg)
- 12 - 13 Line Clearance Arborist Certification (Frankfort)
- 25 - 29 IMEA 611 Basic Workshop #041921 (Scottsburg)

May

- 2 - 13 IMEA 610 Wood Pole Climbing Workshop #050222 (Scottsburg)
- 24 - 26 IMEA 212 Transformer Theory & Connections (Scottsburg)

June

- 7 - 8 Working it Hot - Insulate / Isolate (Scottsburg)

August

- 22 - 9/2 IMEA 610 Wood Pole Climbing Workshop #082222 (Scottsburg)

September

- 12 - 16 IMEA 613 Advanced Workshop #093019 (Scottsburg)
- 21 - 23 Apprentice Top-Out Exam #100118 (Scottsburg)
- 26 - 30 611 Basic Workshop #092721 (Scottsburg)

October

- 11 - 13 IMEA Annual Meeting & Vendor Expo (Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN.)
- 25 - 27 IMEA 212 Transformer Theory & Connections (Scottsburg)

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