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## Insider

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# WELCOME TO ARGOS

A TOWN WITHIN A PARK

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



### Jamie Lindstrom and Doug Middleton, TOWN OF ARGOS

Jamie Lindstrom (left), Utility Superintendent with the Town of Argos has been employed with the utility for over 27 years. Completing his apprenticeship in 2002, Jamie continued his education in the utility trades and began his tenure in his current role in 2017.

Doug Middleton (right), Assistant Superintendent has been employed with the utility for 14 years. Prior to his present role, Doug worked as a mechanical contractor in the plumbing, HVAC and electrical trades and recently fast tracked through all the Lineman Apprentice Progression Workshops to further his education.

Both Jamie and Doug concur that one of the most essential traits successful leaders can possess is to lead by example. Jamie stated, "we make every effort possible to allow the staff to perform their duties and work through the problems encountered in a correct and safe manner".

### Argos Utilities : Safety Protocols

We continuously stress safe work practices in every facet of our day-to-day operations and every member of the staff realize the importance of their roles and not only look out for their safety but the safety of their coworkers. Doug emphasized, "our entire staff realize that if they're not comfortable and feel safe performing any given task that they feel comfortable stopping any operation until they feel comfortable proceeding in a safe manner".



A Town Within A Park, Town of Argos

## Current Projects

The Utility Department has several projects underway this year. First and foremost, they've been busy installing the infrastructure to support a new 32 home subdivision. Other projects include upgrading the Town Parks and the addition of a park in the downtown area.

## The Town of Argos: In Support of the IMEA

The Argos Utility Department supports and relies on all of the training and education resources offered by IMEA to include the Safety Meeting Program.

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**Safety Roundtable / Panel Discussion:**  
**Duane Richardson & Associate Members**  
*Topics: Safety / Global Supply Chain Demands and Shortages*

**John Iannarelli, Former FBI Special Agent**  
*Topics: Cybersecurity, Active Shooter Awareness*

**Gary Grubbs, CEO of EUDS Consulting**  
*Topics: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Assistance & Grants, National Electric Safety Code: NESC Introduction to 2023 Changes*

# 2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING *BACK TO THE FUTURE* >>>

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*Event Dates:*

*Tuesday - Thursday,  
October 11 - 13, 2022*

## 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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### Friday, September 23rd

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **Apprentice & Team Check-in**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Safety Meeting**
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Q&A**
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **View the Field / Judges Meeting**
- 3:00 p.m. - **Conclusion** **Apprentice Events Begin**
- Conclusion of Events** **Cookout**

### Saturday, September 24th

- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Team Check-in**
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Judges Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. - **Conclusion** **Team Events**
- 3:00 p.m. - **Concludes** **Cookout / Awards**



#### Apprentice Events:

1. Written Test
2. Pole Top Rescue
3. Mystery Event
4. Mystery Event

#### Team Events:

1. Pole Top Rescue
2. Mystery Event
3. Mystery Event
4. Mystery Event