



Our Mission_ To Be One Unified Voice

ESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Overhead Powerline Safety

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Who We Are

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) is a service organization formed over 84 years ago. IMEA is a forum for municipal utilities all across Indiana to pool resources for effective representation and continuing education, both of which are vital for survival in a dynamic industry.

What We Do

- Education & Networking
- Safety & Training
- Mutual Aid
- DOL Journeyman Apprentice Lineworker Program
- Annual Business Meeting & Vendor expo
- Public Relations, Member Directory
- Operation and Management

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Between 2011 and 2023, over 42% of all electrically related workplace fatalities were caused by overhead power lines.

Overhead power lines at construction sites can be dangerous for workers. This is especially true for those using equipment such as cranes, aerial lifts, high lifts, and ladders. Contact with overhead power lines can result in serious injury and even death.

Lawrence's Story:

Lawrence was part of a crew using a boom crane to install steel roof beams on a school building. He was standing by the joists, waiting to hook the beams to the chain slings. When the crane operator swung the slings toward him, they touched the power line, became energized, and sent electricity through Lawrence. An ambulance rushed him to the hospital, but he was declared dead on arrival.

□ What caused this incident?

□ How could this have been prevented?

□ Have you ever been injured by contact with an overhead power line, or do you know someone who has? If so, what happened?

Remember This • Look Up!

Locate overhead power lines before starting work.

- Check with your supervisor to make sure the power company has de-energized and grounded the overhead power lines. When in doubt, assume all overhead lines are energized and dangerous.
- Use only nonconductive (or insulated) tag lines.
- Never store materials or equipment under or near overhead power lines.
- Never touch or go near a person or piece of equipment that is touching an overhead power line. Call 911. Use safe distance and caution on the worksite.
- Keep machinery, equipment, and loads a safe distance (20 feet or more) from energized, uncovered power lines.
- Maintain a safe distance between the equipment and overhead power lines. Wind can cause the lines to sway and reduce the clearance between them and equipment.
- Stay at least 20 feet away from machines that are close to covered power lines.
- Operate machines at a slower-than-normal rate when close to power lines. Use a spotter to keep a safe distance from power lines.
- Follow routes marked as safe (often color coded) when on a machine that must go under power lines.
- Use caution when traveling over uneven ground. This could cause the machine to weave or bob into power lines.





IMEA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

SUPPORTING THE MISSION FOR SUCCESS IN THE
ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY



The IMEA Board of Directors would like to thank our 2026 IMEA Board President Willie Daniels for his time, service, and dedication. Your participation exemplifies the commitment of an honorary member working alongside fellow board members for the good of the organization. Congratulations to you for a job well done!

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE IMEA LINEMAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

- Better Student-to-Instructor Ratio at 10:1 versus larger schools
- Each lineman instructor has at least 20+ years of experience
- Diverse instructor staff. Many of our linemen have not only over 30 years' experience but are well versed in substation, overhead distribution, underground utility construction, and transmission.
- Our instructors are patient, knowledgeable, constructive, and collaborative with students-not adversarial.
- In-house FULL CDL training and testing facilities. This cannot be emphasized enough as obtaining a CDL is critical to job placement, and IMEA makes obtaining a CDL very easy and affordable versus other programs. MOST schools will help you only obtain the permit versus earning the entire CDL. We do ALL of the training and TESTING in-house, on-site.
- Job placement services and career planning services.
- IMEA is a Non-Profit Organization, unlike other schools so we can provide the same training at a significantly lower cost.
- On-site lodging.

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OUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Personal Protection Equipment and Procedures

Students will learn about safety working procedures and personal protection equipment.



Electrical Systems

Students will learn the basics of the entire electrical system from generation through transmission, distribution, and conversion.



Basic Electricity

The students will be taught the fundamentals of practical and mathematical application of Direct Current and Alternating Current.



Transformers

Students will learn how and why transformers are used, banked, energized and the various configurations of both Delta and Wye.



Personal Protective Grounding

Students will learn how and why companies work on transmission and distribution lines as well as all equipment and methods used when working.



Rigging And Knot Tying

Students will learn how to tie specific knots, splice rope and learn the proper use of various ropes, slings, block and tackle.

Why Us?

Are You Ready To Begin Your Career Ahead Of Your Competitors?

Our lineman school program will allow you to begin your career ahead of all the rest. Our students have experience performing the jobs of a lineworker, as well as obtaining professional knowledge of the industry while they proceed through our program. Our students are well equipped to stand out from the interview to the actual job. Our program will provide an outlet for electric companies to search for new qualified applicants.

Our students will be able to enter the industry with the technical skills that their employers can't pass up!

Do you want to learn from Experienced and Knowledgeable Linemen?

The lineman school instructors at IMEA Lineman Training Institute have extensive real-world experience in power generation, transmission and distribution. Their exceptional understanding of the industry and what companies are looking for makes our program a cut above other school. Our students will have hands-on experience in the trade and be coached in problem-solving skills in order to help them excel in their work. Do you want to be able to graduate and have the opportunities for immediate positions anywhere? Then this trade is the right career for you. IMEA Lineman Training Institute provides its lineman school graduates with a listing of municipalities that will be useful in your search. Our instructor's connections with the leaders of the trade will also give the students of IMEA Lineman Training Institute the upper hand at finding a career. Our students will be trained, not only to look for the job, but to find jobs. A career planning class is required to help our students create a resume and learn to find their own jobs.

So is it what you're looking for?



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2026 IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE !

IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo provides an opportunity to learn from industry experts and network with peers. It attracts all levels of the Indiana utility professionals and staff from member communities, as well as IMEA staff.

The conference features educational sessions on technical programs focused on the utility industry. It also provides an opportunity to collaborate with other utilities one on one during the IMEA business meeting.

In order to make sure that all guest are provided hotel room availability we ask that you reserve your room ahead of time. This way we are able to keep track of quantity and increase the group block if needed.

We need your voice to be heard & your experience of the Public Power Industry to share with others during the IMEA Annual Business meeting.

We Look Forward to Your Participation!



13 - 15 October, 2026



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777 Belterra Dr, Florence, IN 47020**

IMEA MEMBER SERVICES & RESOURCES

- Education & Networking
- Safety & Training
- Legislative, Regulatory, and Limited Legal Assistance
- Lineman Apprentice Skills Trainin
- Mutual Aid
- DOL Journeyman Lineworker Apprentice Program
- Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo
- Educational Scholarships
- Joint Programs & Committees
- Public Relations
- Public Power Promotions
- Rate Services and Intervention
- News Publications
- Operation & Management
- Member Directory
- Website



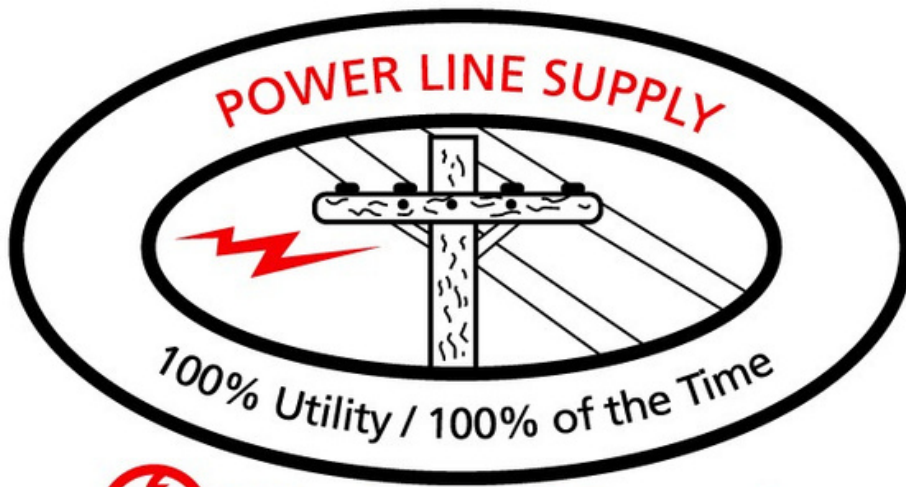


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FEATURED SPEAKERS: 2026 IMEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & VENDOR EXPO



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Session Topics

- Overview of Municipal Electric Utility Financial & Reporting Requirements – BEST PRACTICES
- Financial Statement Analysis & Interpretation – BEST PRACTICES
- Fair, Just & Non-Discriminatory Electric Rates & Charges – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
- Past & Present Regulatory Requirements & Environment
- Current Issues Facing the Electric Industry – Keeping Pace with AI Data Centers



Mike Avery
Featured
Keynote
Speaker

Session Topic

Old School Values. New School Players.



Laura Lee
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Keynote
Speaker

Session Topics

Leadership / Accountability & Ethics



Gary Grubbs,
EUDS Consulting

Session Topic

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