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Welcome 2025 IMEA Board President, Brian Chapman

IMEA is excited to welcome Brian Chapman to his new role, 2025 IMEA Board President. Brian looks forward to assisting IMEA members with leadership input and advancement of all resources provided by IMEA. Brian has 29 years of experience in the electric utility industry and is the Lead Lineman for Gas City Electric. Brian’s career ladder began as a groundman and progressed upward as a tree trimmer, meter reader, mechanic and lineman. Gas City has been a long-time member of the IMEA.

Brian believes “the core of the organization falls in its educational programs provided for the members to include our safety meeting program, apprenticeship program, continuing education programs and mutual aid.”



The IMEA Board of Directors and Staff look forward to Brian’s Leadership in the continued success and growth of the organization.



Welcome 2025 IMEA Board Vice President, Willie Daniels

We would like to also welcome Willie Daniels to his new role as 2025 IMEA Vice President. Willie is the Superintendent of Scottsburg Electric and began his term on the IMEA Board of Directors in, 2021. Serving on the IMEA Board of Directors, Daniels will be assisting in the continued efforts to grow the organization. “I want to continue sharing the vision and goals of the IMEA by helping the organization grow, not only for IMEA, but for the communities to have the best training and resources for their utility. IMEA has proven they have qualified, and skilled trainers and I want to continue to build on those positives and enhance the training and resources available.”

Thank you to Our 2024 IMEA Board President, Doug Middleton

IMEA Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank Doug Middleton for his dedication and commitment to serving on the IMEA Board as IMEA Board President. Doug will be replacing Randy Ennis as the IMEA Board Past President of 2025.

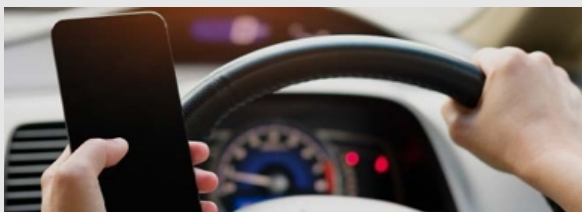
Doug Middleton, with Argos Utilities has been employed with Argos for 16 years. His career path began with the street department then transitioned to the water / waste water department. Doug completed the IMEA Apprenticeship program at the age of 50 and now serves as the Assistant Electric Superintendent.



Friday Safety Tip

9 Unsafe Driving Behaviors That Lead to Accidents

Unsafe driving behaviors contribute to the majority of motor vehicle accidents. It can be easy to become complacent when driving since it is an activity that we complete so frequently. It is vital to exercise caution and follow safety best practices when behind the wheel to reduce the risk of a crash occurring.



Behavior #1: Distracted Driving

Behavior #2: Speeding Behavior #3: Road Rage

Behavior #4: Keeping Loose Cargo in the Vehicle

Behavior #5: Ignoring Traffic Signals and Signs

Behavior #6: Driving Too Fast for Conditions

Behavior #7: Not Wearing a Seatbelt

Behavior #8: Driving Under the Influence

Behavior #9: Driving Fatigued

Any of the above behaviors can contribute to an accident occurring. These behaviors are especially dangerous when drivers are combining multiple unsafe behaviors when driving at the same time. Be mindful of your decisions the next time you drive.

Monitor whether or not you are making unsafe choices when driving. Do not allow complacency to lead to an accident, which can lead to serious injuries or death.

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