

ESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Class #050222 – IMEA Top Out Apprentices

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to formally recognize and congratulate the members of Class #050222 on their successful completion of the IMEA Lineman Apprenticeship Progression Program (LAPP).

The LAPP program is a rigorous, four-year apprenticeship designed to develop highly skilled and safety-focused lineworkers. Through a structured combination of classroom instruction and hands-on field experience, participants progress through clearly defined milestones, ultimately achieving journeyman status. This accomplishment reflects not only technical proficiency, but also a strong commitment to excellence, safety, and service.

In the state of Indiana, there are currently fewer than 1,900 linemen serving communities across the region. These professionals play a critical role in maintaining and restoring essential electrical infrastructure. In times of severe weather, natural disasters, and unexpected outages, linemen are often among the first to respond—working under challenging and sometimes hazardous conditions to ensure public safety and continuity of service. Their work embodies resilience, dedication, and a deep sense of responsibility.

Graduates of the IMEA apprenticeship program join a proud and enduring tradition. They carry forward the legacy established by generations of lineworkers who have built and maintained the public power systems that serve our communities.



While this milestone marks the completion of formal apprenticeship training, it also represents the beginning of a lifelong career defined by continuous learning, professional growth, and service to others.

The IMEA extends its sincere appreciation to these individuals for their commitment to the municipal electric utility industry and for upholding the highest standards of the profession. Their achievements reflect positively on their respective utilities and the communities they serve.

IMEA Top Out Apprentices – Class #050222 (listed left to right):

Ryan Hammons, Gas City Electric Utility
Travis Barton, Linton Utilities
Joseph Rhodes, Walkerton Utilities
Ryan Walker, Frankfort Utilities
Jeremy Perdue, Greendale Utilities
Joe Favorite, Hagerstown Utilities
Tylar Pomeroy, Garrett Utilities

Congratulations to each of you on this significant achievement. Thank you for your dedication to public power and for continuing the proud tradition of service as municipal lineworkers. You exemplify what it means to be Public Power Proud.



Indiana Municipal Electric Association

MUTUAL AID *Workshop*

Be ready when it matters most.

Join IMEA for an interactive Mutual Aid Workshop designed to strengthen your team's preparedness, coordination, and leadership during emergency response situations. This hands-on, five-step program gives utility professionals the tools and confidence to effectively request and deliver mutual aid across Indiana and neighboring regions.



Wednesday, 6 May
10:00 AM–2:00 PM



Our Location

**ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE
1027 S. COLLEGE AVE,
RENSSELAER, IN. 47978**



Why attend?

Because when the lights go out, preparation makes all the difference. You'll gain a clear understanding of:

- How mutual aid networks are structured and coordinated
- What to expect during real-world response scenarios
- The financial and legal frameworks that protect your utility
- How mutual aid improves restoration speed, reduces costs, and supports your crews

Beyond the training, connect with peers and industry partners at our Mutual Aid Open House. Enjoy lunch, build relationships, and explore solutions during an informal vendor session focused on mutual aid support.



Register online:
**[www.imea.com/
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2026 IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE IN MAY!

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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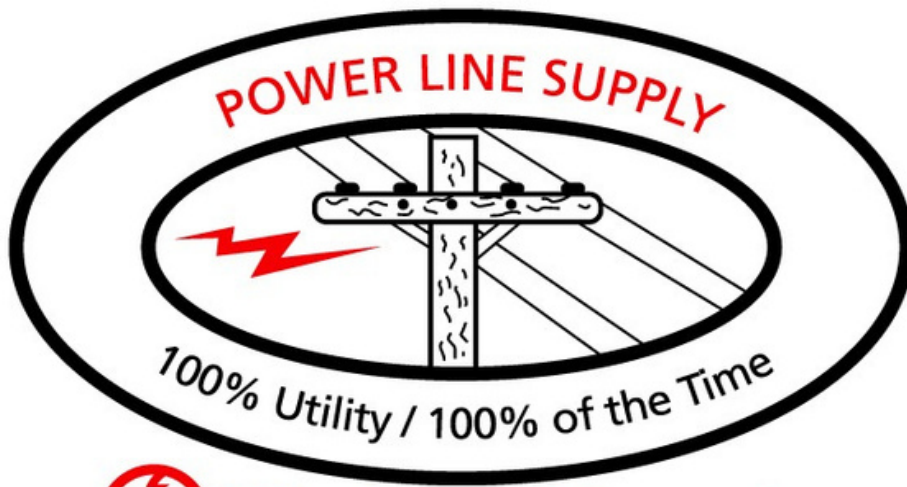
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WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE IMEA LINEMAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

- 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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