

INSIDER NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to Phil Ferrel as he begins his 40th year of service with Frankfort Utilities!

Phil began his career with the City of Frankfort in 1987 as a meter reader. In 1989, he took the next step in his career by pursuing a lineman apprenticeship through TVPPA, completing the program in 1993. He went on to serve Frankfort's electric customers as a journeyman lineman for 28 years before being promoted to General Foreman Superintendent in 2021.

Throughout his career, Phil has earned the respect of his colleagues through his dedication, experience, and commitment to serving the community. He has been a trusted mentor, a humble leader, and an important part of Frankfort Utilities' daily operations. Phil's approach to leadership is rooted in a simple but meaningful principle: strong teams are built on mutual respect and trust.

Contributions to IMEA's Success

Phil's impact extends beyond Frankfort Utilities. Since 2019, he has contributed to IMEA through his service on several committees, including the Safety & Training Committee, where he continues to serve today. He also plays an important role in developing the next generation of lineworkers by helping train apprentices through IMEA's apprentice program and the new IMEA Lineman Training Institute.

As Phil approaches an incredible milestone of 40 years with Frankfort Utilities, we recognize and celebrate his many years of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the electric utility industry.

Congratulations, Phil, on nearly four decades of outstanding service and a job well done!

Severe storms swept through Northwest Indiana, including La Porte County and the Kingsford Heights area, on August 11, 2026.

Severe storms packing destructive winds up to 100 mph struck Northwest Indiana, triggering the largest power outage event in history. Kingsford Heights and surrounding areas faced extensive multi-day service disruptions, downed trees, and snapped utility poles. Full restoration took multiple days to service the needs of the Community and surrounding areas.

IMEA Members

Neighbors. Helping. Neighbors

For all that were in assistance during the storms that have hit multiple counties in Indiana we are grateful for your efforts to restore power to all living in Kingsford Heights and the surrounding area.

We would like to recognize all Municipal Utilities involved. They include: Linton Municipal Utility, Washington Electric Light and Power, Scottsburg Municipal Electric Utility, Crawfordsville Electric Light and Power, Auburn Electric Department, Columbia City Municipal Utility, and Rensselaer Electric Utility.



Indiana governor declares statewide disaster emergency as Midwest floodwaters rise

Amid floodwaters already up to the roofs of some homes and turning the streets of multiple cities into rushing rivers, Midwest residents are bracing for more severe storms in the weeks ahead.

Indiana, which recorded three storm-related deaths, was in the path of more severe storms expected to pound the Midwest.

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun declared a statewide disaster emergency on Thursday, August 13, 2026. 'Hoosiers' safety is my top priority. Our state response is fully mobilized, resources are moving where they're needed, and we will continue working around the clock to support every impacted community,' Braun said in a social media post.

Braun is expected to meet with first responders in Cambridge City and survey the damage there to "ensure state resources are available to support the response and recovery efforts," the governor's office said in a statement.

Meanwhile, rescue operations resumed on Thursday for one person in Delaware County, Indiana, who was among four people who reportedly went into the Mississinewa River on Wednesday during significant flooding, authorities said.



Three others were rescued from the river on Wednesday night, officials noted.

Flood watches also remained in effect in Iowa, Kentucky and North Carolina, where showers and storms are possible on Thursday, keeping the threat of more flooding in place.

Line recent days, storms expected from Des Moines, Iowa, to Lexington, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee, have the potential to train, or remain stationary, over the same areas, and could produce rainfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour.



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



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Session Topics

- Leadership
- Accountability & Ethics



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2026 IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo

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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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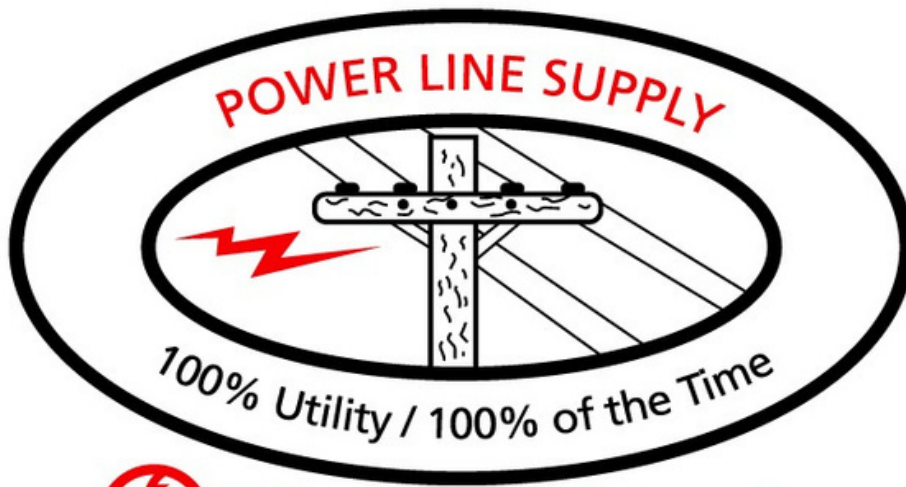
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- Better Student-to-Instructor Ratio at 10:1 versus larger schools
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- Diverse instructor staff. Many of our linemen have not only over 30 years' experience but are well versed in substation, overhead 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.
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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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