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Mutual Aid Assistance for Municipalities in Indiana

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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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IMEA Mutual Aid: Strengthening Public Power Through Standardized Protocols and Member Collaboration

Working Together. Responding Together. Restoring Power Together.
When severe weather, natural disasters, or unexpected emergencies threaten electric service, the strength of public power is demonstrated through the willingness of neighboring utilities to come together and support one another.

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) recognizes the importance of maintaining a strong, organized, and dependable Mutual Aid Program among its member utilities.

Establishing and maintaining standardized protocols is essential to ensuring that participating utilities are prepared to respond safely, efficiently, and effectively when assistance is needed.

The Importance of a Standardized Mutual Aid System
A successful mutual aid program requires more than a willingness to help. It requires preparation, communication, coordination, and a shared understanding of responsibilities.

By maintaining a consistent system of operating procedures, IMEA and its participating member utilities can strengthen their ability to coordinate personnel, equipment, and resources during emergency restoration efforts.

A standardized mutual aid framework should address several essential components:

- **Clear Communication:** Establishing reliable communication channels between requesting utilities, responding utilities, and designated mutual aid coordinators.
- **Consistent Activation Procedures:** Developing an organized process for requesting assistance, identifying available resources, and deploying personnel.
- **Safety and Training Standards:** Promoting consistent safety expectations, appropriate qualifications, and operational readiness amond responding crews.
- **Resource Coordination:** Maintaining accurate information regarding available personnel, specialized equipment, and restoration capabilities.
- **Documentation and Accountability:** Establishing consistent procedures for tracking personnel, equipment, expenses, and operational activities.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Reviewing emergency responses, identifying lessons learned, and updating procedures to strengthen future mutual aid operations.

Preparedness Begins Before the Emergency
The effectiveness of any mutual aid response begins long before the first storm arrives.

IMEA encourages member utilities to recognize the importance of proactive planning, ongoing communication, and maintaining current mutual aid information.

Designated contacts, emergency response procedures, resource availability, and established responsibilities should be reviewed regularly to ensure that utilities can act quickly when an emergency occurs.

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Standardized protocols also help eliminate confusion during critical situations. When participating utilities understand the process for requesting and providing assistance, valuable time can be directed toward what matters most: protecting personnel, restoring electric service, and supporting affected communities.

Safety Must Remain Our Highest Priority

While restoring electric service as quickly as possible is essential, the safety of every line worker and utility employee must remain the foundation of mutual aid operations.

Mutual aid personnel often respond to unfamiliar service territories, damaged infrastructure, hazardous working conditions, and demanding restoration schedules.

Maintaining consistent safety expectations, effective communication, appropriate supervision, and coordinated work assignments helps protect the individuals who dedicate themselves to restoring power.

Our responsibility is not only to restore electric service but to ensure that every individual assisting in restoration efforts returns home safely to their family.

The Strength of Public Power is in Our Partnerships

One of the greatest advantages public power is the commitment municipal utilities demonstrate toward one another. Mutual aid represents the very foundation of that commitment. When one community experience an emergency, others stand ready to offer assistance, resources, and expertise.

IMEA's role in supporting mutual aid coordination provides an opportunity to strengthen relationships among its members while encouraging consistency, accountability, and operational excellence.

Through continued collaboration, participating utilities can develop a stronger and more resilient network of public power professionals prepared to respond when their communities need them most.

Moving Forward with a Unified Commitment

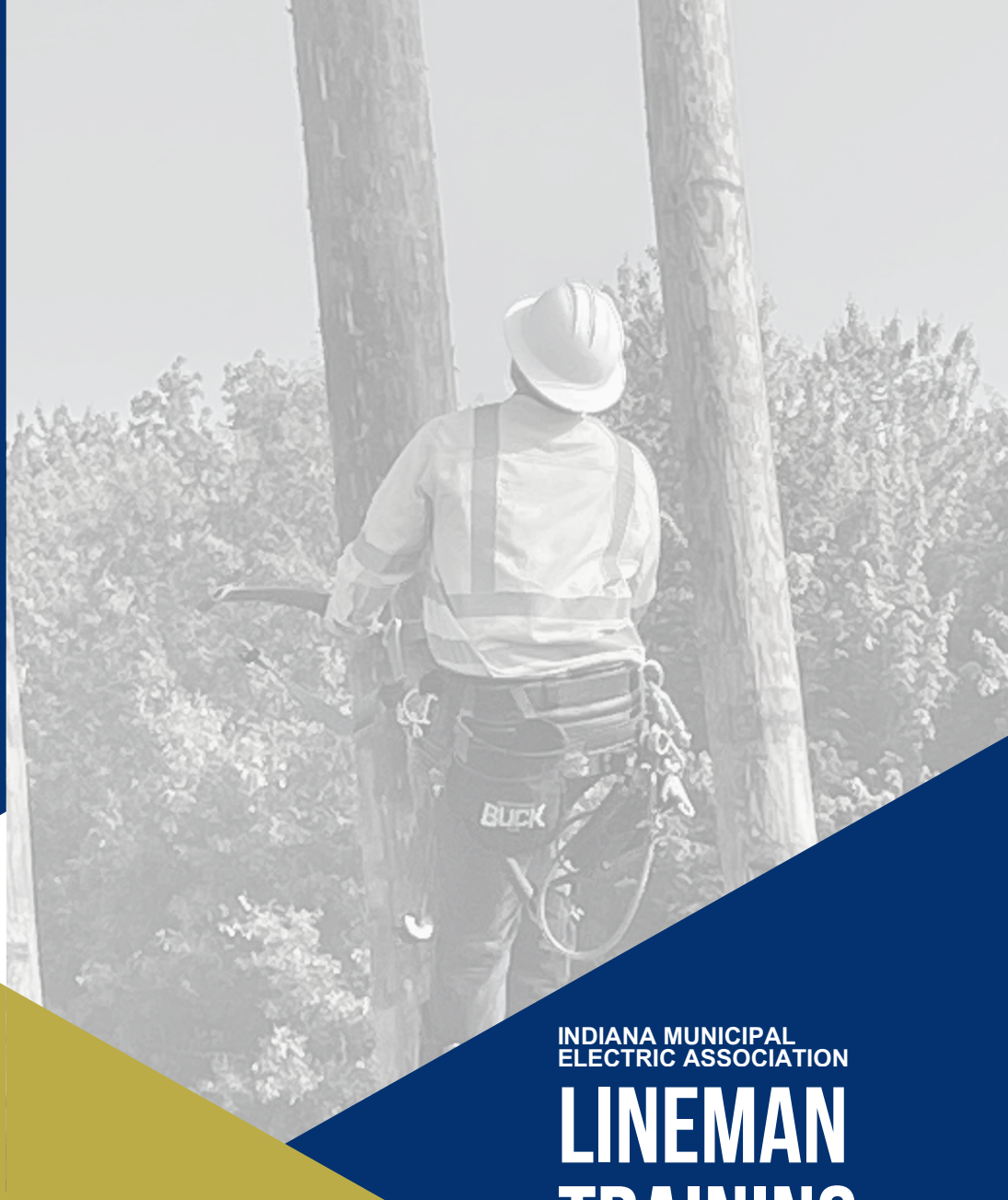
As emergency response challenges continue to evolve, maintaining and strengthening mutual aid protocols must remain an ongoing priority.

IMEA encourages its member utilities to remain actively engaged in mutual aid planning, participate in discussions regarding standardized procedures, and work collectively toward a coordinated system that supports every participating utility. A successful mutual aid program is built upon trust, preparation, communication, and a shared commitment to service.

Together, we are stronger. Together, we are better prepared. Together, we represent the true value of public power.

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.
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- Job placement services and career planning services.
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Electrical Systems

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

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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?

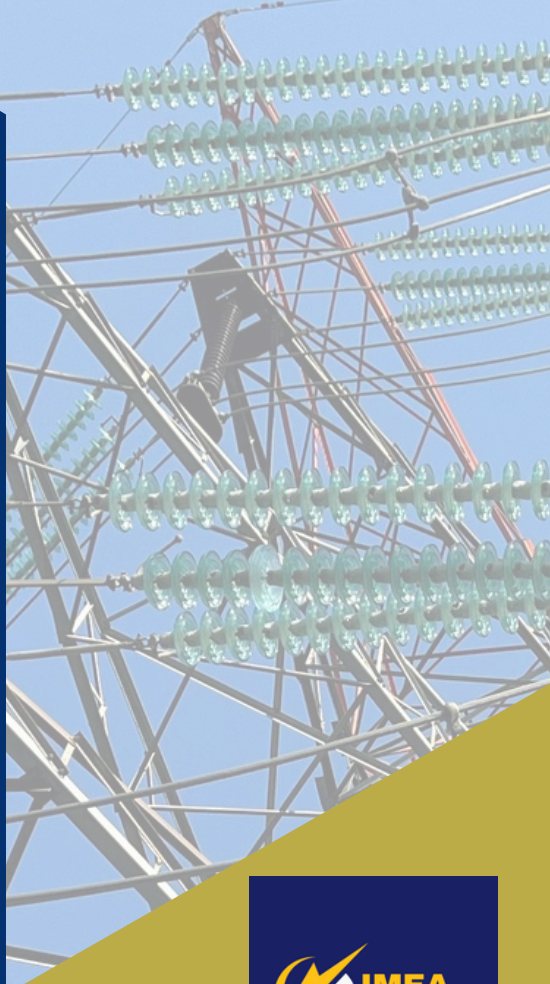
Our lineman school program will allow you to begin your career ahead of all the rest. Our students have experience performing the jobs of a lineworker, as well as obtaining professional knowledge of the industry while they proceed through our program. Our students are well equipped to stand out from 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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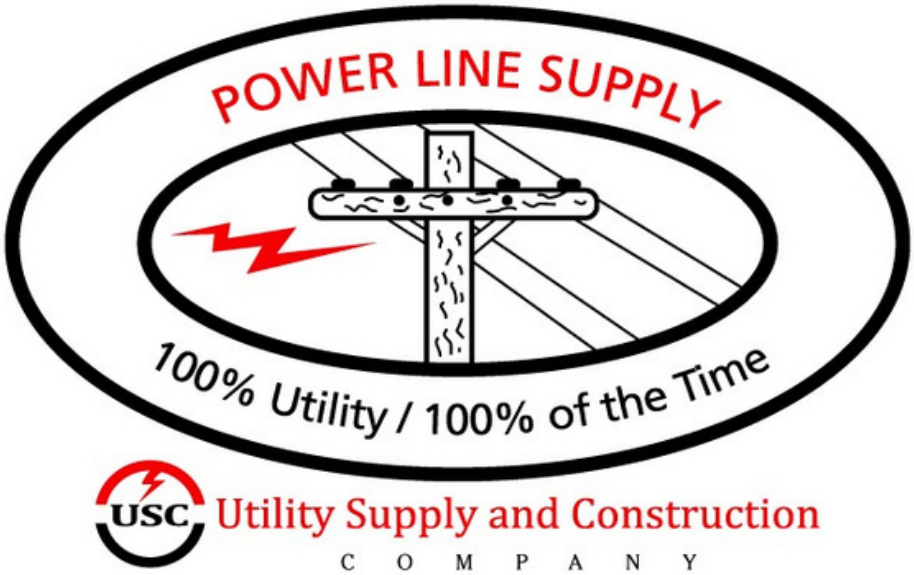
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