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Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities Celebrates Lineworkers

April 18th marked National Lineworker Appreciation Day, aimed at celebrating the more than 115,000 lineworkers living and working in the United States. Each day, lineworkers put their lives on the line to ensure that the general public has access to safe and reliable electricity. Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities (LMU) wanted to recognize its lineworkers for all of the work that they do, and thus organized a community Lineworker Appreciation Day.

The utility invited the third, fourth and fifth grade classes from Central Elementary School
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to visit LMU's office and training areas to get a firsthand look into the average day in the life of a lineworker. Over 500 local students participated in this appreciation day, where they had the opportunity to climb a utility pole, ride in a bucket truck, and learn about electric wiring, among many other activities. LMU lineworkers manned each station, teaching and talking with the visiting students about their career and what it takes to be a lineworker.

"It is so important to involve the community, especially our children and young adults, with the work that Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities does on a daily basis," stated Olin Clawson, Director of Utilities. "The Lineworker Appreciation Day gave us the opportunity to engage with our future leaders, to fellowship with and educate them about the value of public power, about being a lineworker, and about working right here at home in their own community."

After spending the day at LMU, the utility received hundreds of thank you letters, appreciation cards and drawings from the students who participated, many of which are hanging in the lobby of LMU. This is the first year that the utility has held this appreciation day, but Clawson said that he plans for it to be an annual event, hopefully growing in size each year. ●



The students who attended the Lineworker Appreciation Day participated in a variety of tasks, which included riding in a bucket truck.



Local Utility Receives National Recognition

Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities (LMU) recently earned the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2015. APPA, the national association for public power utilities, selected LMU for the award after the utility logged 36,360 working hours last year with no injuries recorded. LMU earned first place in its category for utilities with 30,000-59,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure, and was the only public power utility in the state of Indiana to receive this award.

"We at LMU are proud of the service we provide to our customers," stated Olin Clawson,

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Celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial!

In an effort to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial all year long, IMPA is bringing readers of the *Municipal Power News* fun facts about Indiana history. Read on to learn more about the Hoosier state.



In October 1824, a group of state officials loaded four spring wagons and moved the state capital from Corydon to Indianapolis, which was a distance of more than 130 miles. The journey took 11 days.

Indiana's Statehouse was built at its present site in 1835. The building was demolished in 1878 to make way for the current Capitol Building, which was completed in 1888.

Indiana has 16 million acres of farmland, which makes up 70 percent of all state land.

Source: Indiana Department of Education

Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of being an IMPA community?

- a) Local, hometown service
- b) Low-cost service
- c) Reliability
- d) All of the above

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Joint Action Agency

noun.

A not-for-profit organization of municipal utilities that band together to jointly own and operate generation and transmission facilities to gain economies of scale.

Example: *IMPA is a Joint Action Agency.*



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Director of Utilities. “But, above all else, we are proud of our safety record and that this is the second year in a row that we have received this award.”

In addition to receiving the safety award, LMU also earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation from APPA. That designation recognizes public power utilities that excel in four key areas: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Receiving the RP3 designation demonstrates LMU’s commitment to constant improvement and excellence.

LMU is one of only 29 utilities that earned this designation this year, and is one of only 219 utilities out of more than 2,000 public power utilities that hold this designation. “Receiving this designation is tangible proof of all of the hard work that our utility staff puts in on a daily basis,” said Clawson. “It’s an honor to receive this.”

Your local electric utility works hard to ensure that the City of Lawrenceburg has access to safe and reliable electricity, and that those who are employed by the utility are also provided a safe working environment. LMU is proud to be recognized by its national association, and is honored to serve those who live and work in Lawrenceburg.●

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IMPA Commissioner: Olin Clawson



Pictured here: Olin Clawson, Director of Utilities, accepted the Reliable Public Power Provider designation, awarded to the utility by the American Public Power Association.