

2026

# AMP Technical Services Training Course Catalog





**A well-trained, dedicated and safety-conscious front-line team is the foundation upon which a reliable and customer-focused electric utility is built.** Without this properly constructed foundation, it is impossible to achieve success in our business.”



**Ed Krieger**

Assistant Administrator  
Columbus Water & Power – Division of Power  
Chair, AMP Member Services Training Task Force



### About American Municipal Power

**Formed in 1971, American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, with approximately 215 full-time employees at its headquarters and generating facilities.**

AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for more than 130 Members in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, a joint action agency in Smyrna, Delaware. Combined, these Member utilities serve approximately 665,000 customers.

To ensure Member input in its training program, AMP has a Training Task Force, comprised of representatives from AMP Member communities, that helps advise and guide staff on AMP’s training initiatives and offerings.

### AMP’s Mission Vision and Values



#### Mission

To serve Members through public power joint action, innovative solutions, robust advocacy and cost-effective management of power supply and energy services.



#### Vision

To be public power’s trusted leader in providing Members and their customers the highest-quality, forward-looking services and solutions.



#### Values

- Integrity
- Member Focus
- Partnership
- Employee Engagement
- Stewardship
- Innovation
- Accountability

# Welcome to AMP's Technical Training Program

AMP's training program is designed with AMP Members and their employees in mind. Training is a key ingredient in the ability of Member utility personnel to achieve and maintain a high degree of reliability in customer service.

A variety of training classes and topics are offered annually. From apprenticeship classes offered in Columbus to technical classes in Member communities, AMP's program focuses on providing utility personnel with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to maintain and improve Member distribution systems.

Need a class taught locally or regionally? Reach out to AMP staff to schedule.

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**1,500**

lineworkers from 91  
Member communities trained  
over the past 28 years



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Apprenticeship Programs  
approved for U.S. Department  
of Labor Certifications



**150+**

years of combined  
experience among trainers

## 2026 Registration Information

Registration for AMP's Lineworker Apprentice Training Program and Technical Services Conference is available online. Employees in AMP Member communities are encouraged to register early, as AMP's training courses fill up fast. In addition, AMP offers a variety of on-demand training classes on a variety of topics, and those are available upon request.

Most classroom and field activities during the 2026 calendar year will take place at the newly renovated and expanded AMP Member Training Center at 1201 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Some classroom sessions may take place at AMP headquarters, 1111 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

Register here: [AMP Training Programs Registration](#)



**AMP's training doesn't just sharpen our crews' skills, it safeguards our city's future.**

Every hour spent training is an investment in reliability, safety and progress for St. Clairsville."

**William Burns**

Superintendent  
St. Clairsville Light & Power



# Why Invest in Training?



Employee training provides opportunities to improve and/or gain skills and increase knowledge. In addition, investing in employees helps them feel valued, engaged and can ultimately boost employee retention.

Over the past 28 years, more than 1,500 lineworkers from 91 Member communities in six states have attended AMP's lineworker training series. Our training focuses on the unique needs and safe performance of a variety of tasks geared toward the operation of an electric distribution system.

AMP's Apprentice Lineworker series consists of two non-consecutive weeks of training per level. Each level of training builds upon the previous over a four-year period. The training consists of classroom, lab and field knowledge. AMP maintains a low instructor-to-student ratio, and training is led by highly qualified instructors with more than 150 years of combined experience. Training incorporates Northwest Lineman College (NLC) Workbooks.

AMP can also assist Members interested in scheduling local or regional sessions. We offer a variety of on-demand training classes on a variety of different topics. In addition, we can design a class that fits the needs of your local utility. For more information, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie, AMP Manager of Technical Services Logistics, at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org).

Please review this brochure for descriptions and schedules of the training courses and other opportunities offered by AMP. If you don't see what you are looking for, please reach out to us! We welcome your comments, questions and suggestions.

Thanks,

**Michelle L. Palmer, PE**

Vice President of Technical Services and Compliance

[mpalmer@amppartners.org](mailto:mpalmer@amppartners.org)

NOTE: A *Schedule to the Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety and Training Programs* must be executed and returned one month prior to training class or the registration will be denied. To obtain an agreement form, contact Jennifer Flockerzie at [flockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:flockerzie@amppartners.org).

AMP reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses, but will work with Members who have registered to try to reschedule or combine classes in the event that participation levels don't meet minimum attendance requirements.

# AMP Training Center Expansion

In 2024, the AMP Board of Trustees determined that AMP should offer year-round lineworker training to better meet Member needs. As a result, the Board elected to move forward with an expansion to the AMP Member Training Center, which is located next to AMP headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. The 10,000-square-foot expansion includes 8,000 square feet of additional training space with a 60-foot-tall indoor climbing area with 40-foot and taller removable poles, allowing for indoor, year-round lineworker training. The expansion also adds additional lab space, enabling indoor training in reclosers, undergrounding, transformers, metering, distribution components and more. The expansion was completed in early 2026.



**60 feet**  
of indoor height



**40 feet+**  
height of removable poles



**10,000**  
square-foot addition,  
with 8,000 square feet of  
additional training space



**10+**  
lab spaces



# U.S. Department of Labor Certification

AMP is pleased that two of its programs — Lineworker Apprenticeship Training and Power Plant Operator Training — are approved by the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship as a Registered Sponsor. This distinction means that any utility employee from an AMP Member community, regardless of which state they work in, who completes one of AMP's registered training programs will receive a nationally recognized DOL certification for that training.

## Lineworker Apprentice Training Program

- Approved in 2023
- Certified classes for each of the four apprentice-level courses:
  - Emphasis on the importance of safe and proper work techniques
  - Hands-on lessons and modules designed to enhance coursework
- Instruction from highly skilled and qualified instructors
- Unique curricula developed for AMP Members
- NLC Workbooks accompany the apprentice-level classes
- Two weeks of training per level
- Competitively priced courses for AMP Members

## Power Plant Operator Training Program

- Approved in 2025
- Power plant operators who complete all steps of the training program will be eligible to receive certification from the DOL. Steps include:
  - Completing the Power Plant Operations Academy courses, presented by Kansas Municipal Utilities;
  - Completing the change to NLC's Substation Technician Certification program; and
  - Performing 7,200 hours of on-the-job training.

Learn more about AMP's DOL certification [here](#) and submit questions [here](#).

Contact Jennifer Flockerzie at [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org) if you wish to purchase NLC Workbooks independently.



We use AMP because it connects training to the real world, giving every apprentice a clear path to build their skills and stay safe. **Lineworker training is the foundation for a safe and successful career.**

**Bob O'Donnell**  
Electric Superintendent  
Quakertown Electric Department



# Lineworker Apprentice Training

The AMP Apprenticeship Training Program provides Member utility personnel with a high-quality, certified training program that combines both formal classroom training and hands-on personalized instruction. With a focus on safe operations, system reliability and premier customer service, the training program includes four levels – Basic 1, Basic 2, Intermediate and Advanced – designed to follow the NLC Power Delivery Program. The experienced instructors in AMP's training program will help to prepare you for long-term success in your career.

## Basic 1 Lineworker Training

Created for first-year apprentices, this course consists of two non-consecutive week-long classes. Designed to serve as a supplement to on-the-job training, the course includes bookwork and hands-on training covering the basic skills you will need for entry-level line work.

### Basic 1 training provides a comprehensive overview of:

- Safe work practices
- Introduction to and practice in climbing skills
- Basic electrical theory
- Applied mathematics
- First aid
- Transformer basics

### Prerequisite:

- Submission of signed Schedule to Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety & Training Programs
- Enrollment in NLC\*

**Dates:** Oct. 5-8 and Oct. 26-29

**Location:** AMP Member Training Center

**Class length:** Two non-consecutive weeks

**Class size:** Limited to 25 students

**Cost:** \$3,975 for course and \$790 for NLC module (book 1)\*\*

## Basic 2 Lineworker Training

Apprentices in their second year expand their knowledge and skills during Basic 2 Lineworker Training. This course consists of two non-consecutive week-long classes and places a strong emphasis on safety, building on the skills learned in Basic 1 through bookwork and hands-on training.

### In Basic 2, you will build on the fundamentals learned in Basic 1 and focus on:

- Enhanced climbing skills
- Personal protective equipment
- Grounding
- Arc flash
- Gloving procedures
- Installation of equipment
- Conductors, substations, live-lines
- Equipment and transformer basics

### Prerequisite:

- Submission of signed Schedule to Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety & Training Programs
- Completion of Basic 1 Lineworker Training, unless waived by instructor
- Enrollment in NLC program, preferably at the class level coinciding with the book year

**Dates:** Aug. 17-20 and Sept. 28-Oct. 1

**Location:** AMP Member Training Center

**Class length:** Two non-consecutive weeks

**Class size:** Limited to 25 students

**Cost:** \$3,975 for course and \$790 for NLC module (book 2)\*\*

\*AMP will enroll all participants in NLC at the time of class registration. NLC workbooks will be ordered when class registration occurs.

\*\*Contact Jennifer Flockerzie, AMP Manager of Technical Services Logistics, at [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org) if you wish to purchase NLC Workbooks independently.

Additional paperwork is needed to achieve DOL certification. Please reach out to AMP if you wish to receive DOL recognition.

# Lineworker Apprentice Training

## Intermediate Lineworker Training

The Intermediate course allows participants to move one step closer to journeyman status. This course consists of two non-consecutive week-long classes and places a strong emphasis on safety and incorporates bookwork and hands-on training to provide additional installation skills, troubleshooting and simulated energized work. Participants will have the opportunity to gain a better knowledge of metering, preparing job hazard analysis/job briefings, mapping, transformers, system protection and national standards.

**In Intermediate Lineworker Training, you will expand on what you learned in Basic 1 and 2 and explore:**

- Additional installation skills
- Troubleshooting and simulated energized work
- Focus on metering
- Preparation of job hazard analyses/job briefings
- Mapping
- Transformers
- System protection
- National standards

### Prerequisite:

- Submission of signed Schedule to Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety & Training Programs
- Completion of Basic 2 Lineworker Training, unless waived by instructor
- Enrollment in NLC program, preferably at the class level coinciding with the book year

**Dates:** Aug. 3-6 and Aug. 31-Sept. 3

**Location:** AMP Member Training Center

**Class length:** Two non-consecutive weeks

**Class size:** Limited to 25 students

**Cost:** \$3,975 for course and \$790 for NLC module (book 3)\*\*

## Advanced Lineworker Training

Experienced lineworkers or fourth-year apprentices can enhance their skills in the Advanced Lineworker Training course. This course consists of two week-long classes on non-consecutive weeks. All sections (classes A, B and C) cover the same coursework.

**In Advanced Lineworker Training, you will continue to place a strong emphasis on safety, build upon all you've learned in the previous levels and learn more about:**

- Installation skills
- Simulated energized work
- Simulated hot stick work
- Trouble investigation
- Underground cable terminating
- Secondary fault locating
- Crew leadership
- Communications
- Automation

### Prerequisite:

- Submission of signed Schedule to Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety & Training Programs
- Completion of Intermediate Lineworker Training, unless waived by instructor
- Enrollment in NLC program, preferably at the class level coinciding with your book year

### Dates:

- Class A — May 4-7 and June 15-18
- Class B — May 18-21 and July 13-16
- Class C — June 1-4 and July 27-30

**Location:** AMP Member Training Center

**Class length:** Two non-consecutive weeks

**Class size:** Limited to 25 students

**Cost:** \$3,975 for course and \$790 for NLC module (book 4)\*\*

\*AMP will enroll all participants in NLC at the time of class registration. NLC workbooks will be ordered when class registration occurs.

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# On-Demand Lineworker Training

The following classes are geared toward — and can be customized to — an AMP Member community's need and learning objectives. Let the training team know if you have a need or would like to combine topics or customize a class. All classes require a minimum of eight students to participate. Requests for on-site training will be based on scheduling availability. Contact AMP for pricing details.

## One-Day Classes

### Accident Investigation and Incident Analysis for Lineworkers

This course equips lineworkers, crew leaders and safety personnel with the skills and procedures necessary to conduct thorough accident and incident investigations. Participants will learn how to secure scenes, gather evidence, interview witnesses and perform root cause analyses. Emphasis is placed on fact-finding, not fault-finding, with the goal of preventing future incidents and improving workplace safety.

### Backfeed/Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Precautions

Backfeed electricity presents one of the most serious and potentially lethal hazards in electric distribution work. With the rapid growth of DERs — including solar systems, battery energy storage systems, wind generation, and customer-owned standby generators — traditional assumptions about de-energized lines are no longer sufficient. Conductors believed to be dead may remain energized or unexpectedly become reenergized through backfeed sources.

This class will outline the dangers associated with backfeed electricity, common DER backfeed sources, and essential precautions required to protect distribution lineworkers.

### Communication and Customer Service for Lineworkers

This course is designed to help lineworkers develop effective communication and customer service skills essential for representing their utility in the field. As frontline ambassadors, lineworkers often interact with customers during outages, repairs, disconnects and other service-related activities. This training emphasizes professionalism, empathy, conflict resolution and techniques for managing difficult situations to enhance customer satisfaction and build community trust.

### Digger Derrick Safety and Operations for Lineworkers

This course provides lineworkers with essential training on the safe operation, inspection and maintenance of digger derrick trucks. Participants will learn proper pole-pulling techniques, hazard recognition, grounding procedures, and OSHA Compliance Standards and American Public Power Association (APPA) Safety practices. Real-world incident reviews and hands-on demonstrations reinforce the importance of safe practices when using digger derricks in utility operations.

### Distribution Grounding Techniques for Overhead/Underground

Attendees will learn proper grounding techniques for protecting electrical workers from hazardous differences in electrical potential, induced voltages, and inadvertent energization of de-energized circuits. In both overhead and underground distribution systems, grounding establishes an equipotential work zone that minimizes the risk of electric shock, arc flash injury, and equipment damage.



AMP's lineworker training exposes my crew to new practices and procedures that a small town may not normally see."



**Mark Linville**  
Superintendent  
Ellwood Power & Light

# On-Demand Lineworker Training (continued)

## One-Day Classes (continued)

### Groundworker Training

This course is designed for cross-training with other departments. Groundworker Training is designed for entry-level apprentices as a beginning course or for municipal employees who assist the electric line crew as groundworkers. The course includes basic electrical hazard awareness, alternating current fundamentals, step-touch potential discussions, work zone safety, barricading, importance of a qualified observer, knot tying, basic handline use and rigging and basic tools/equipment identification. A bucket truck hurtman rescue exercise will be performed.

- **Class length:** One day
- **Cost:** \$250/attende

### Introduction to Wood Pole Climbing

This hands-on course introduces new apprentice lineworkers to the fundamentals of climbing wood poles. Participants will learn about climbing equipment, inspection procedures, fall protection systems and safe climbing techniques. This course emphasizes OSHA compliance, hazard recognition, and the development of confidence and competence in safely ascending and descending utility poles.

### Job Safety Analysis and Job Briefings for Lineworkers

This course provides lineworkers with the knowledge and tools to conduct effective job hazard analyses and job safety briefings. Participants will learn how to identify workplace hazards, plan safe work procedures and comply with OSHA and APPA safety standards. This course emphasizes hazard awareness, communication, documentation and pre-task planning to prevent injuries and ensure crew safety.

### OSHA 1910.269 and APPA Safety Manual Updates and Standards

This course provides lineworkers, crew leaders and safety professionals with a comprehensive overview of OSHA 1910.269 regulations and the latest updates to the APPA Safety Manual. Participants will learn how to apply federal and industry safety standards to daily utility operations, with emphasis on compliance, hazard recognition and safe work practices. The course includes real-world examples, regulatory interpretations and guidance on implementing safety protocols in the field.

### Overhead and Underground Grounding for Utility Workers

This course provides a comprehensive overview of personal protective grounding practices for both overhead and underground electrical systems. Participants will learn the principles, methods and regulatory requirements for establishing safe work zones using grounding techniques. This course focuses on equipotential grounding, bracket grounding and the application of OSHA and APPA standards, and it reinforces the importance of grounding as a critical component of electrical safety and to reduce the risk of electric shock incidents in the field.

### Overhead Line Troubleshooting

This course provides lineworkers with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to safely and effectively troubleshoot and maintain overhead electrical distribution systems. This course emphasizes fault identification, safe work practices, grounding procedures and system restoration. Participants will gain hands-on experience with testing equipment, fault indicators and live-line tools while focusing on OSHA and APPA safety standards.

### Safety Culture in a High-Voltage Environment

This course is designed to instill a proactive safety mindset among utility workers operating in high-voltage environments. This course focuses on providing an understanding of the importance of personal accountability, and teaching utility workers how to effectively communicate, coach and lead in a safety-conscious workplace. This course emphasizes the real-world application of safety practices, OSHA/APPA standards and the development of leadership behaviors that support a culture of safety.

### Underground Troubleshooting

This course provides utility personnel with the knowledge and hands-on skills necessary to safely and effectively troubleshoot URD systems. Participants will learn how to identify, isolate and resolve underground faults using industry-standard tools and techniques. This course emphasizes safety protocols, grounding methods, cable testing and the use of direct-current Hi-Pot equipment to minimize risk and system disruption.

# On-Demand Lineworker Training (continued)

## Two-Day Classes

### Advanced Transformers

This advanced-level course is designed for experienced utility personnel seeking a deeper understanding of distribution transformer theory, operation, protection and troubleshooting. The course covers complex transformer configurations, polarity, paralleling, protection schemes, ferro resonance and advanced diagnostic techniques. Through a combination of classroom instruction and practical examples, participants will enhance their ability to safely and effectively manage transformer systems in the field.

### Leadership for Lineworkers

This course is designed to equip lineworkers with the leadership skills necessary to transition into supervisory roles and lead teams effectively in the field. Through interactive discussions, self-assessments and real-world scenarios, participants will explore leadership styles, communication strategies, conflict resolution and team-building techniques. The course also addresses the unique challenges of supervising former peers, managing generational differences and balancing technical responsibilities with leadership duties.

### Metering for Lineworkers

This course is designed to provide lineworkers with a comprehensive understanding of electric metering systems, including safe handling, installation, troubleshooting and advanced metering concepts. Through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on demonstrations, participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and effectively with electric meters in the field.

### Rubber Cover-Up Applications and Personal Protective Equipment for Lineworkers

This course provides in-depth training on the proper selection, inspection and application of rubber protective equipment, including gloves, sleeves, hoses and blankets. Designed for utility lineworkers and safety personnel, the course emphasizes regulatory compliance, hazard recognition and the best work practices for energized and de-energized environments. Participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to apply rubber cover-up methods effectively to ensure personal safety and system reliability.

### Substation 101

This course provides a comprehensive overview of substation components, functions and safety practices. Designed for utility personnel, the training covers the essential elements of substation design, equipment operation and maintenance. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how substations function within the electrical transmission and distribution system, with a strong emphasis on safety, equipment identification and operational procedures.

### Underground Splicing Applications and Underground Residential Distribution (URD) Operations

This course provides lineworkers with essential knowledge and hands-on instruction in URD systems, with a focus on safe and effective splicing techniques. Participants will explore the components, construction and maintenance of underground systems, including cable handling, terminations, switching, grounding and over-voltage protection. Emphasis is placed on best practices for splicing, cable preparation and damage prevention to ensure long-term system reliability and personal safety.



For more information, please contact **Jennifer Flockerzie** at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org).

To request a specific training topic or a customized training class, please contact **Scott McKenzie** at 614.540.6386 or [smckenzie@amppartners.org](mailto:smckenzie@amppartners.org).



# Safety Training

These courses and other customized training opportunities are available upon Member request. Requests for on-site training will be based on scheduling availability. Contact AMP for pricing details.

## Crisis and Verbal De-escalation

This certification course covers identifying a crisis situation with an agitated individual and verbal de-escalation. Topics include the five stages of crisis, the integrated experience, safe intervening, safe de-escalation techniques, and when to involve managers and law enforcement.

- **Class length:** One day
- **Class size:** Minimum of eight students required

## OSHA 10 Outreach

This certification course teaches entry-level workers about general safety and health hazards, including, but not limited to, electrocution, personal protective equipment, excavations, materials handling, scaffolds and tools. Topics can be tailored upon request.

- **Class length:** Two days
- **Class size:** Minimum of eight students required

## Trenching and Excavation

Trenching and excavation work can be unpredictable and dangerous. This course serves as a review of the dangers of trenching and excavation and covers the safety measures that must be in place to protect workers from illness, injury and death.

- **Class length:** One day (four hours)
- **Class size:** Minimum of 10 students; maximum of 25 students

## Confined Spaces

Entering confined spaces may be a job requirement, so it is important to understand the necessary safety precautions. This course will cover the role of supervisors, attendants and entrants when working in a confined space; the course also discusses the safety measures that must be in place to ensure worker safety.

- **Class length:** One day (potential for two sessions per day)
- **Class size:** Minimum of 10 students; maximum of 25 students



For more information, please contact **Jennifer Flockerzie** at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org).

To request a specific training topic, please contact **Kyle Weygandt** at 330.323.1269 or [kweygandt@amppartners.org](mailto:kweygandt@amppartners.org).



**We use AMP training because I want our lineworkers to learn the essentials for safety and to gain practical skills that are required for the job.** It is important that our lineworkers get trained so they can enhance their safety awareness and their skills as lineworkers."

**Ben Palazzi**  
Lead Lineworker  
Grafton Public Power & Light



# Additional Opportunities

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## APPA Lineworkers Rodeo

Visit the APPA website at [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org) for more information.

- **Date:** March 27–28
- **Location:** Huntsville, Alabama

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## APPA Engineering and Operations Conference

Visit the APPA website at [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org) for more information.

- **Date:** March 29–April 1
- **Location:** Huntsville, Alabama

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## AMP Technical Services Conference

Designed for electric utility managers, village administrators, engineers, lineworkers and technical staff, AMP's Annual Technical Services Conference, April 21-22, promotes and contributes to the objective of operational safety and reliable system services. Training sessions and conference presentations address issues of safety and service reliability through system efficiency. The conference also features a Vendor Expo for attendees to see the latest in industry products and services.

- **Date:** April 21–22
- **Location:** Quest Conference Center, Westerville; AMP Member Training Facility, Columbus
- **Cost:** \$200 per attendee (Members)

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## 2026 AMP Annual Conference

The AMP Annual Conference features sessions on power supply, finance, technology and regulatory topics important to the effective management of municipally owned electric systems. Attendees have an opportunity to attend educational sessions covering the latest industry topics and network with fellow Members, vendors and guests. A superintendents' breakfast covers topics relevant to operations and maintenance.

- **Date:** Oct. 12–14
- **Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown



# Meet the AMP Training Team



## Scott McKenzie

### Senior Director of Member Training and Safety

Scott McKenzie joined AMP in 2013 as a Member Safety Manager and was promoted to Director of Member Training and Safety in 2018. In 2022, McKenzie was named Senior Director of Member Training and Safety. McKenzie is a certified safety trainer and OSHA authorized outreach trainer, State Certified Journey Lineworker and a member of the APPA Safety Manual Revision Task Force. He served as the Safety Chairman of the 2024 APPA Engineering & Operations Conference and currently represents AMP on APPA's Mutual Aid Committee and within the National Mutual Aid network as a statewide coordinator. Prior to joining AMP, he worked for the City of Westerville Electric Division for 25 years as a journeyman lineworker and safety specialist.



## Bob Bowman

### Instructor/Safety Coordinator

Bob Bowman began serving as a contractor for AMP in 2021, assisting with AMP's Lineworker Training Program and General Safety Program, and serving as one of the primary instructors for apprentice training. Prior to joining AMP, Bowman served with the City of Piqua for 31 years, most recently as Assistant Power System Director, and served as a member of the AMP Board of Trustees and AMP Mutual Aid Committee and was the AMP Mutual Aid Green Sector Coordinator. He also served as an Apprenticeship Committee member for Warren County Line Training Program and taught as an electrical instructor for the Associated Builders and Contractors apprenticeship program. He is a certified electric lineworker and has previously held a master electrician's license and a high-pressure boilers license.



## Dan Cline

### Manager of Member Training and Safety

Dan Cline rejoined AMP in 2026 as a Manager of Member Training and Safety. In this role, he regularly plans, coordinates, conducts and evaluates Member-related safety training and meetings with an emphasis on the lineworker trade and in a manner representative of AMP's mission, vision and values statements. He previously served as a Circuit Rider at AMP from 2019 to 2020. Prior to rejoining AMP, he served as Electric Superintendent for the AMP Member community of Lakeview, where he managed the village's electric distribution system. He also previously served as a lineworker for the AMP Member community of Piqua. He is an accredited Journeyman Lineworker and holds certificates of completion from the Northwest Lineman College and the OSHA 500 Trainer Course.



## Chad Culbert

### Senior Manager of Member Training and Safety

Chad Culbert joined AMP in 2021 as Senior Circuit Rider and General Safety Coordinator. In January 2025, he was promoted to his current role. Prior to joining AMP, Culbert worked for the AMP Member community of Hillsdale for 20 years. Most recently, he served as Electric Superintendent, where he supervised and directed the construction, maintenance and operation of the city's electrical system. Prior to that, he served as a lineworker for the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities.

## Meet the AMP Training Team (continued)



### Jim Eberly

#### Instructor/Safety Coordinator

Jim Eberly, a Level I Thermographer, joined AMP in 2014 as a Safety/OSHA Compliance Coordinator for the western region and was promoted to Manager of Member Training and Safety in 2023. He transitioned to a consultant role as Instructor/Safety Coordinator in 2026. He is a state-certified journeyman lineworker who worked 30 years with the City of Piqua and seven years with Power Solutions Group. Eberly has been a state-licensed Master Electrician for 24 years, as well as a certified instructor for the American Builders Contractors apprenticeship program and a training consultant for Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua.



### Brandon Fields

#### Senior Circuit Rider and General Safety Coordinator

Brandon Fields joined AMP in 2021 as Senior Circuit Rider and General Safety Coordinator. Prior to joining AMP, Fields served as a lineworker for the City of Columbus Division of Power. He is a graduate of the London Digital Academy.



### Ryan Gould

#### Senior Circuit Rider and General Safety Coordinator

Ryan Gould joined AMP in 2025 as Senior Circuit Rider and General Safety Coordinator. Prior to joining AMP, Gould served as a lineworker for Ohio Edison, where he built, maintained and repaired the company's sub-transmission and distribution power system. He holds an associate degree in electric power and utility from Stark State College.



### Clay McClure

#### Instructor/Safety Coordinator

Clay McClure joined AMP's Lineworker Training team as a consultant in 2025. McClure is an accomplished Journeyman Lineworker with more than 14 years of experience in the electrical utility industry. His career includes seven years with AMP Member utility Cleveland Public Power and seven years in outside utility construction. In that time, he has built a strong reputation for technical expertise, reliability and leadership in complex field operations. He has extensive experience in transmission, distribution and underground linework and is fully trained and certified in splicing lead, EPR and XLP cable systems. He is a recognized leader in his field, having supervised line crews, coordinated restoration efforts and mentored apprentices and lineworkers on how to uphold the highest standards of safety, workmanship and professionalism.



### Jim Shyrigh

#### Manager of Member Training and Safety

Jim Shyrigh joined AMP in 2025 as Manager of Member Training and Safety. In this role, Shyrigh serves as a trainer and technical advisor to Member communities, providing safety training and working on special projects. Prior to joining AMP, he worked as a lineworker for American Electric Power, where he served as a line crew supervisor and a frequent guest instructor at the utility's lineworker training facility. He also previously served as a lineworker for the City of Columbus from 2008 to 2015, during which time he completed the AMP Lineworker Training Program.

## Meet the AMP Training Team (continued)



### Scott Simmerly

#### Instructor/Safety Coordinator

Scott Simmerly joined AMP in 2024 as Manager of Member Training and Safety and transitioned to a consultant role as Instructor/Safety Coordinator in 2025. Prior to joining AMP, Simmerly served as an Electrical Consultant for U.S. Utility, where he reviewed engineering design proposals, determined the feasibility and safety of engineering plans and practices and worked to standardize production and field installation processes. He is a Journeyman Lineworker and previously served as Line Foreman for Cleveland Public Power, where he was the primary instructor of their climbing schools for more than 10 years.



### Doug Sturgeon

#### Manager of Member Training and Safety

Doug Sturgeon joined AMP in 2022 as Manager of Member Training and Safety. Prior to that, Sturgeon served as Electric Superintendent for the AMP Member community of Columbiana. He has more than 20 years of experience in public power and as an electric lineworker. He holds an Independent Electric Contractors Journeyman Electrician Certificate and is certified to test electric meters.



Safety... it doesn't just happen. **I rely on AMP for lineworker training because it strengthens the skills and awareness my team needs**, and that's exactly why ongoing training matters for every lineworker I lead. Team leaders know every moment is an opportunity to talk safety and address concerns. Whether you're young or experienced, safety matters — don't let complacency ruin your future."



### Chuck Piper

Electric Distribution Supervisor  
Chambersburg Electric Department



# AMP Technical Services Team



## Michelle L. Palmer, PE

### Vice President of Technical Services and Compliance

Michelle L. Palmer joined AMP in 1999 as a Transmission and Distribution Engineer. She served as Senior Transmission & Distribution Engineer from 2003 to 2006, was promoted to Director of Technical Services in 2006, Assistant Vice President of Technical Services in 2012 and to her current position in 2016. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and holds a professional engineering license in the State of Ohio. Michelle received the AMP DNA Award in 2012 and the APPA Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award in 2016. She is active with the APPA, including the Engineering and Operations, Rodeo, RP3 and DEED programs.



## Jennifer Flockerzie

### Manager of Technical Services Logistics

Jennifer Flockerzie provides support for the AMP Training Program, manages training registrations and coordinates various training classes. She joined AMP in 2001 from Synergetic Design, where she worked on distribution circuit layout and design for American Electric Power. Flockerzie holds an associate degree in forestry from Hocking College.



## Steven Mutchler

### Safety/OSHA Compliance Coordinator

Steven Mutchler joined AMP full time in 2013, having served as a contractor since October 2012. Prior to AMP, Mutchler operated his own property maintenance business and safety consulting business, taught vocational high school for two years and worked for a safety consulting company for five years. He holds a teaching certificate in construction trades for vocational education and is a licensed safety professional.



## Melissa Watson

### Programs and Project Manager

Melissa Watson provides support for the OSHA Program. She joined AMP in 2025 and brings 15 years of experience in member services and economic development within the electric cooperative utility industry. She holds a Master of Business Administration in Marketing from Strayer University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing from Christopher Newport University.



## Kyle Weygandt

### Director of Member Safety

Kyle Weygandt joined AMP in 2006 and was promoted to his current position in 2013. Weygandt was named the 2018 AMP DNA Award winner. He is a Licensed Safety Professional and Master Safety Administrator through the National Association of Safety Professionals. Weygandt has a special commission as a Peace Officer with the State of Ohio and works at Stark State College. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology with a focus on human behavior and education.

In addition to AMP's trainers, instructors from APPA and outside consultants teach the classes offered through their services.

# Apprenticeship Training Schedule at a Glance

## Spring 2026

March 27-28	APPA Lineworkers Rodeo
March 29-April 1	APPA Engineering and Operations Conference
April 21-22	AMP Technical Services Conference
May 4-7	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class A)
May 18-21	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class B)
June 1-4	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class C)

## Summer 2026

June 15-18	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class A)
July 13-16	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class B)
July 27-30	Advanced Lineworker Training (Class C)
Aug. 3-6	Intermediate Lineworker Training
Aug. 17-20	Basic 2 Lineworker Training
Aug. 31-Sept. 3	Intermediate Lineworker Training

## Fall 2026

Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Basic 2 Lineworker Training
Oct. 5-8	Basic 1 Lineworker Training
Oct. 12-14	AMP Annual Conference
Oct. 26-29	Basic 1 Lineworker Training





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