



**Upcoming Events**

**July 30**

Gas Steel Pipe Distribution  
Maintenance Workshop  
Register/more info:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>  
(go to "July")

**August 27**

Water Distribution Workshop  
Register/more info:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>  
(go to "August")

**Sept. 16 — 19**

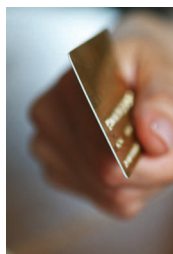
Underground Elec. Workshop

**Sept. 30 — Oct. 2**

IAMU Fall Conference  
Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny and  
IAMU Training & Office Complex

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**"Red Flags Rules" Nov. 1 deadline; IAMU will help**



◆ Municipal utilities are among the entities included in the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) "Red Flags Rules," part of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions (FACT) Act of 2003. Under these rules, municipal utilities must have written identity theft protection plans for covered accounts (which includes utility accounts) in place by November 1, 2008. The main objectives of the program are to detect, prevent, and mitigate identity theft. Any program established by a utility must be approved by the utility's Board or Board Committee and receive Board or senior management oversight, implementation and administration.

The rules will be individualized and adapted to utilities' current practices. IAMU will be offering training and support in devising plans for its member utilities, with more information to be available in the near future.

The American Public Power Association (APPA) is offering a conference call Monday, July 14 at 1 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Those interested in participating should contact Ursula Schryver at APPA at [USchryver@appanet.org](mailto:USchryver@appanet.org).

APPA, in conjunction with the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) is also offering its members a seminar on the Red Flags Rules July 24 – 25, 2008 in Nashville, TN. More information can be found on the APPA website, [www.appanet.org](http://www.appanet.org).

The American Public Gas Association (APGA) has announced that it will act as a clearinghouse for utilities to share their compliance plans with others. The APGA website can be accessed at [www.apga.org](http://www.apga.org).

The FTC has launched an outreach effort to explain the Rules in greater detail. It has now published a General Alert on what the Rules require, and, in particular, an explanation of which businesses – financial institutions and creditors – are covered by the Rules. To learn more, go to <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/business/alerts/alt050.shtm>.

Watch the IAMU *Informer* and IAMU website, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org), for more information regarding assistance and instruction for IAMU members.

**Common Ground Iowa wants your utility involved**



◆ Have you considered joining Common Ground Iowa (CGI)? Iowa municipal utility representation in CGI is highly needed to ensure that municipal points of view and interests are protected. The next meeting of CGI is scheduled for August 7, 9 a.m. – noon, at the West Des Moines Community School District Learning Center. Municipal utility representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to be a CGI member to attend, but you can become a member while there. Membership in CGI is free.

Common Ground Iowa is a regional partner with the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). CGI's purpose is to promote public safety through damage prevention and shared responsibility, while utilizing the CGA's Best Practices for advancing underground utility safety in Iowa. CGI stresses uniformity in work by different entities to avoid confusion and related problems.

To join, and/or to download a free copy of the CGI Best Practices, go to the CGI website at [www.commongroundiowa.com](http://www.commongroundiowa.com) or contact Dave Hraha at IAMU, [dhraha@iamu.org](mailto:dhraha@iamu.org) or 515-289-1999, for more information about CGI.



The IAMU *Informer* is a new and improved source for timely news and information affecting IAMU and its members, distributed electronically each week. Questions? Comments? Contact John Burnett, *Informer* editor: [jburnett@iamu.org](mailto:jburnett@iamu.org)

**New OSHA flood and tornado information available**



◆ **The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has unveiled a new web page showcasing free occupational safety and health information related to flood and tornado cleanup and recovery.**

The flood and tornado recovery page offers more than 40 fact sheets and easy-reference Quick-Cards® in English and Spanish, along with links to other workplace safety- and health-related web pages. These resources provide response and recovery crews with information about ways to recognize and avoid injury from cleanup and recovery hazards.

To access the page, follow this link: <http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/flood-tornado-recovery.html>



**IAMU's Steel Pipe Distribution Maintenance Workshop is coming up July 30.** This single-day workshop provides public gas employees the chance to learn more about the gas industry, while gaining proficiency in skills that can be used to assist their hometown customers. Go to the IAMU website for a detailed brochure and registration: [www.iamu.org/calendar](http://www.iamu.org/calendar)

**Current Transformers Wanted!**



**Does your electric utility have used CTs no longer in service?**

**Replacing substation equipment?**

**Please consider donating to IAMU for training purposes. All ratios and rating factors will be considered.**

**Contact Eric Stoll at IAMU: 800-810-4268 or [estoll@iamu.org](mailto:estoll@iamu.org).**

**Attention IAMU members: State Fair help needed!**

◆ **IAMU needs your help at the Iowa State Fair!**

**Iowa State Fair  
August 7-17, 2008**

IAMU will have a display in the Hall of Law & Flame (under the east end of the main grandstand) at this year's State Fair, and representatives of member utilities, and IAMU board and committee members are urged to help with staffing. Remember – anyone who volunteers to help staff the IAMU display gets one free fair admission for themselves for that day.

We'll be handing out information and promotional items not only spreading the word about IAMU, but about the benefits of municipal utilities in Iowa, including new energy efficiency efforts. Names will be taken for a drawing for a solar backpack, and the Hazard Hamlet interactive electrical display will be included.

Join in and do your part to help promote IAMU and municipal utilities! To sign up, or for more information, contact Sandy Longfellow at IAMU, 800-810-4268 or [slongfellow@iamu.org](mailto:slongfellow@iamu.org).

**Fall Conference agenda taking shape: save the dates!**



◆ **Save the dates for IAMU's Fall Conference September 30 – October 2!**

This "interim" conference will help "fill the gap" as IAMU makes a transition to holding its Annual Conference in October beginning in 2009. A full three days of activity will combine unique fun and entertainment, in addition to formal presentations with very timely information for you and your utility. Time will be split between the all-new Courtyard by Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Ankeny (soon to open) and IAMU's nearby Training & Office Complex.

A golf tournament fund raiser for IAMU's MuniPAC program will kick off the conference the morning of September 30, followed by an afternoon of workshop sessions at IAMU, with topics including adapting to change, informing and engaging citizens and open meetings & records, including a regulatory Q&A session. The day will conclude with an Oktoberfest event on IAMU's Safety & Training Field. It will feature food and drink; a live German band; a Lineworkers Rodeo (including a pole climb race, pole top rescue and transformer replacement); gas events; a dunk tank; and official ribbon cutting ceremonies for IAMU's Safe City.

A full day of general and concurrent sessions will take place October 1, including such topics as security of records; rebuilding infrastructure; arc flash; managing natural gas cost; energy efficiency products and ideas; bottled vs. municipal water; rate forecasting; MAPP-MISO integration; and RUS and the future of municipal water. General sessions will kick off the final day of the conference October 2, followed by lunch and afternoon sessions at IAMU, including demonstrations of World Class Training provided by IAMU's Safety & Training Field.

A detailed agenda and registration form will be available soon. Plan now to join us!

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