



### Upcoming Events

**November 16—18**  
**16th Annual Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines**  
**Register/more information: [Here](#)**

**December 1**  
**Water Operator Lab Workshop (Nov. 30 workshop is closed)**  
**Register/more information: [Here](#)**

### APPA webinar will highlight member benefits November 10

◆ Learn more about what the American Public Power Association can do for you. Employees of APPA member utilities are encouraged to participate in a free webinar, "Discover the Value of APPA Membership" November 10. The webinar, from 1 – 2:15 p.m. Central Standard Time, will cover informational resources, programs, services and other APPA benefits. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



### Wind project startup advice with St. Paul, MN conference



◆ **The Community Wind across America Midwest Region Conference is Nov. 15-16 in St. Paul, MN.** Sponsored by Windustry, the event

will provide detailed information on what's needed to develop a locally owned wind project. Special registration pricing is available through November 11. For more information click [here](#).



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## Keeping members safe: IAMU's JT&S Department

*This is the fourth in a series of IAMU Informer articles that highlight IAMU's member programs and services, recent achievements and future planning. This edition's focus: Job Training & Safety Services.*

◆ IAMU's Job Training & Safety (JT&S) department is composed of professionals who are dedicated to ensuring that the association and its member utilities provide safe environments for employees and the public. Staff members include Department Coordinator



Mary Ann Kinkade, Safety Specialists Steve McLaughlin, Mike Hamilton, Paul Kittelson, Justin Vogt, and Michael Hall and Program Assistant Melody Taninies. Program Director Dave Hraha is also a critical part of the department's management team and Member Services Assistant Chris Pham helps with department functions.



**Safety Instructor Paul Kittelson conducts a CPR class.**

Association safety trainers spend many hours traveling the state conducting a wide range of classes onsite at IAMU member utilities that belong to one of IAMU's 11 safety clusters. Safety clusters allow members in common geographic areas to join together to easily take advantage of cost effective association safety training close to home, reducing the need for significant travel. In the last year the JT&S staff logged 6,024 hours of training contact for 207 IAMU member utilities/cities and presented 839 classes covering nearly 60 separate topics.



**JT&S staff members undergo respiratory function training and pose with their certificates afterward. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Michael Hall, Mary Ann Kinkade, Melody Taninies; back row (left to right): Mike Hamilton, Justin Vogt, Paul Kittelson, Steve McLaughlin and Lou Di Mauro of Medical Enterprises, Inc.**

The department conducts occupational testing for hearing, pulmonary function, respirator fitting, and sound level monitoring; mock Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) walk-through facility inspections; and provides certified training in first aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), competent person, flagger, and forklift operation. A collection of 18 training manuals and hundreds of safety videos is maintained and JT&S provides OSHA posters and other required workplace signage to IAMU members. Department staff members answer general and technical questions from members and hold special events, such as the annual Safety Coordinator Workshop.



**Gary Higbee of Higbee & Associates (pictured speaking at an IAMU event) was recently presented with the Distinguished Service to Safety Award at the National Safety Council's 2010 meeting.**

All JT&S trainers maintain skills and keep up to date as members and leaders in the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Mary Ann Kinkade and Paul Kittelson are currently board members of the Hawkeye Chapter of the ASSE and Dave Hraha is Past President.

**Recent accomplishments and plans:** Work is well underway on a new database for more accurate and varied reports. Two new programs on workplace harassment and ergonomic assessment are under development.

**Other training activities:** Program Director Dave Hraha spearheaded the new IAMU Training on Demand program that gives IAMU members free access to more than 60 different online courses (click [here](#) and look for the Training on Demand icon).

For more information about IAMU's Job Training & Safety department (including a list of training classes available) click [here](#).