



Upcoming Events

October 6 — 8
IAMU Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Des Moines, Airport/Conf. Ctr.
Register/More information: [Here](#)

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

Golf, great times, good cause at Golfin' for Safety

◆ Nearly 60 golfers and 15 sponsors took part in a very successful debut of IAMU's "Golfin' for Safety" event September 29. A fundraiser for IAMU safety training, the 18-hole best shot tournament saw beautiful weather at the Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona.



The winning team in IAMU's inaugural Golfin' for Safety event consisted of (left to right): Mark Ramthun and Brian Fink Of Denison Municipal Utilities; Jeff Keech of Power Equipment Sales Co.; and John Vermillion of CenterPoint Energy Services.

Mark Ramthun and Brian Fink of Denison Municipal Utilities, John Vermillion of IAMU associate member CenterPoint Energy Services and Jeff Keech of IAMU associate member Power Equipment Sales Company came away as the winning team in a close competition. Other awards included Closest to Pin awards to Bobby Ayres of associate member Van Wert, Inc. and Darrel Wenzel of Independence Municipal Light & Power; and Longest Putt to Collin Engebretson of associate member Utilities Plus Energy Services.

A meal and raffle awaited participants at the conclusion of the golf round, with raffle prizes contributed in part by hole sponsors.

IAMU thanks all who took part in Golfin' for Safety for their help in making the first-time event a big success. Watch for another edition of the event to come in 2011.



A special thank you is extended to the City of Everly and Gas/Water Superintendent Bruce Harden for their support of Golfin' for Safety. The City sponsored a hole on the course, and also contributed an additional \$500, for a grand total of \$700 donated to IAMU safety training. Harden also served on the event's planning committee.



A good time was had by all at IAMU's Golfin' for Safety. An added bonus was a wine tasting station on the golf course, staffed by IAMU Executive Director Bob Haug (above). Utility members and business representatives enjoyed a day of golfing and networking while supporting IAMU safety training. A meal, raffle and golfing awards rounded out the day.

DOE/OEI workshop on industrial energy efficiency



◆ The U.S. Department of Energy and Iowa Office of Energy Independence will hold a workshop on energy efficiency in Iowa industrial facilities October 26 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines.

The workshop will help attendees with understanding the importance of investing in energy efficiency improvements at facilities, tools necessary to investigate energy efficiency improvements, and the "next steps" for implementing an energy efficiency program. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Drive Safe Work Week focuses on distracted driving

◆ Drive Safely Work Week (DSWW) is the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety's (NETS) annual workplace safety campaign, which this year focuses on the dangers of distracted driving, particularly regarding the use of cell phones and texting while driving. The event runs through October 9.



Studies indicate that distracted driving is a factor in more than 20% of crashes. This represents more than 300,000 crashes each year. Driver distraction was reported to have been involved in 16% of all fatal crashes in 2008.

The studies have found that text messaging on a cell phone while driving increased crash risk more than 23 times. Click [here](#) to download a free kit to help promote DSWW.