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Upcoming Events

September 14 —16, 2011
Electric Underground Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

September 19, 2011
Permeable Pavement Systems
Design Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

October 5 — 7, 2011
IAMU Annual Conference, Holiday
Inn Des Moines Airport/Conference
Center
Register/more information: [Here](#)

Wieskamp, MPW utility relations, is now retired



Gary Wieskamp

◆ Gary Wieskamp, director of utility relations for Muscatine Power & Water (MPW), has retired after 37 years of service to the utility.

He began his career at MPW in 1974 as a meter reader before being promoted to a number of positions within the utility, including water distribution operator, staff assistant and manager of public relations for utility services.

IAMU congratulates Wieskamp on his many years of devoted service to MPW and extends its thanks for advancing the professionalism of municipal utilities.

Contractor insurance rules in web site posting

◆ IAMU member utilities are urged to view a document prepared by Jester Insurance Services regarding contractor insurance requirements. It can be accessed [here](#). It discusses dollar amounts and legal requirements for different aspects of contractor insurance.



“A perfect time to catch up:” IAMU Annual Conference



◆ The IAMU Annual Conference, October 5—7, will feature keynote speaker Dale Collie. Mr. Collie has spoken to municipal utility managers at other gatherings, and we are pleased to have him offer you his insights. The following is a personal message from Dale:



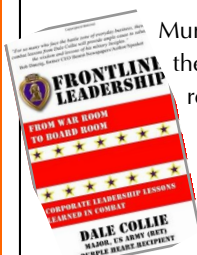
Keynote speaker Dale Collie

IAMU Member Utilities:

This is a time of uncertainty in many industries, including the world of municipal utilities, and it looks like we'll have even more surprises with the shifting economy and proposed regulations.

The upcoming IAMU Annual Conference will be a perfect time to catch up on the changes we've seen and what's on the horizon. The IAMU staff has scheduled some important sessions, and I look forward to joining you as one of your speakers.

Get a Dale Collie leadership book free at the Annual Conference!



Municipal utility attendees at the Annual Conference will receive a complimentary copy of Dale Collie's book, **Frontline Leadership — From War Room to Board Room.**

On Thursday morning, October 6, my keynote presentation, “Never Give Up,” will focus on the essentials for moving ahead in uncertain times. We'll talk about some of the basics needed and some of the ways you can excel while others hunker down to worry about what's next.



Some of the stories included in this presentation are from my time as a U.S. Army Ranger and combat infantry company commander. I'll show you how successful leaders can use the same “lessons learned” that got me through some very tough times.

Look me up and introduce yourself at the IAMU Annual Conference. We'll have a great time, and you'll go home with information you can share with everyone else at your utility.

Registration for the Annual Conference is now open. You can learn more about it and get signed up on the IAMU web site, [here](#). Just look for the Annual Conference links on the home page of the web site. I'll see you there!

Electric Underground Workshop; are you signed up?



◆ There's still time to register for IAMU's Underground Electric Distribution Workshop September 14 – 16. Held at IAMU's Training & Office Complex, it offers four days of valuable information and hands-on training for underground electric personnel. Utility workers, instructors and product presenters will again team up to bring attendees the latest information and techniques.

The event will begin with the optional Beginning Pole Climbing Workshop September 13 and 14 (partial day) and the product show and reception will be held the evening of September 15.

Excavation and shoring safety will be discussed the afternoon of September 14, with September 15 and 16 devoted to the topics of URD construction/terminations; elbows & splices and grounding; primary fault locating; and URD safety issues.



A workshop brochure and registration form has been distributed to IAMU electric utility members. Register electronically by clicking [here](#). Questions? Call 800-810-4268.