

# ECG Powerline School – Powerline Workers Apprenticeship Program

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**ECG's PowerLine School** is the culmination of years of field experience and countless hours of applied classroom training. ECG's comprehensive training courses incorporate **'Safety First'** while challenging and preparing the Electrical Lineworker for advancement.

**Our 3-year *PowerLine Workers Apprenticeship Program*** is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of utility employees in this field. The program is **certified by the U.S. Department of Labor** and has proven to be beneficial and rewarding to both the students and their employers who have taken advantage of this remarkable training program.

## ACADEMICS

Three hands-on and classroom training events lasting five days each and scheduled one year apart. Also included are self study units with timed examinations that are given throughout the program.

Students provide their own tools and personal protective equipment for the hands-on training sessions. All textbooks are provided, which include:

- The Lineman's & Cableman's Handbook*
- The Guidebook for Linemen and Cablemen*
- Distribution Transformer Handbook*
- National Electric Safety Code (NEESC)*
- APPA Safety Manual*
- OSHA 1910.269 Regulations*

## EXPERIENTIAL

On-the-job training is supervised by a journeyman and facilitated by an assigned program coordinator from the sponsoring organization.

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## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS

### Jon Beasley – ECG Director of Training & Safety

With over 38 years of lineman experience, Jon currently serves as the Director of Training and Safety for ECG. He has actively trained lineworkers in 3 states to more than 65 cities and over 1000 students. Jon coordinates and leads utility crews on disaster response/mutual aid for ice-storms, hurricanes and tornados. Jon provides expert testimony on behalf of Participant cities related to accident investigations. A key player in the creation of the “Georgia Lineman’s Rodeo” and the “APPA Lineworker’s Rodeo Competition” serving as Master Judge. His team took top honors in the “1999 International Lineman’s Rodeo Competition.” APPA honored Jon with the “Kramer-Preston Personal Service Award” in 2006 for his continued work and support. He has served on the APPA E&O Committee as Section Chair and as Chair of the Safety Committee. Jon currently serves on the APPA Safety Manual Review Task Force, RP3 Panel and MAWG (Mutual Aid Working Group) as well as serving on the National Association of Journeymen Linemen board.

### Brandon Wylie – ECG Assistant Director of Training & Safety

Having over 19 years’ experience in the powerline industry, Brandon is currently the Assistant Director of Training & Safety with ECG. He is currently serving as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for the “Georgia Lineman’s Rodeo”. He has also served as an “APPA Power Lineman’s Competition” Judge and Competitor and as and a Competitor in the “International Power Lineman’s Competition.” Brandon is a Certified Utility Safety Professional (CUSP) and a certified instructor in numerous areas including: Georgia Dept. of Transportation Temporary Traffic Control, Aerial Lift & Pole-top Rescue, OSHA Trenching and Excavation Competent Person, Electrical Hazards & High-Voltage, and CPR/AED and First Aid. He is a member of the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association (NUTSEA), the Utility Safety Operations & Leadership Network (USOLN), and was selected as a “Rising Star of Public Power” by the American Public Power Association in 2011. Brandon also serves on the board as Vice Chair of the National Association of Journeymen Linemen.

### Greg Phillips – ECG Training & Safety Specialist

Having over 32 years experience in linework, Greg is currently a Training and Safety Specialist with ECG. He has previously served as a Judge and Chief Judge for the “APPA Power Lineman’s Competition” and “Georgia Lineman’s Rodeo.” Greg is a certified instructor in numerous areas including: Georgia Dept. of Transportation, Aerial Lift & Pole-top Rescue, Emergency Response Power Restoration, OSHA Electrical Hazards & High-Voltage, First Aid/CPR and AED and FEMA Incident Command, Single Resources & Initial Action Incidents, and National Incident Management System. He is a member of the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association.

### Calvin Vallee – ECG Training & Safety Specialist

Calvin brings over 32 years experience in linework, He is currently a Training and Safety Specialist with ECG. Calvin spent his entire carrier with Griffin Power with the last 10 years as Line Crew Foreman. He has worked storm trouble in 3 states, including Hurricanes Wilma, and Hugo. He was instrumental in forming the first Rodeo team for Griffin Power in 2006, and competed four years himself before becoming a coach for the team. Calvin holds his instructor certification in numerous areas including: Georgia Department of Transportation, First Aid, CPR and AED, Aerial Lift & Pole-top Rescue. He was a member of the Safety First Task Force for two years, and is currently on the GLRA Events committee. Calvin is also a member of the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association.

### James Adams – ECG Training & Safety Specialist

James brings over 27 years experience in linework, with the last 10 years as Line Crew Foreman for the City of LaGrange. He has worked storm trouble in 4 states, including Hurricanes Opal, Fran, and Irene. James holds his instructor certification in numerous areas including: Georgia Department of Transportation, First Aid, CPR and AED, Aerial Lift & Pole-top Rescue. He was a member of the Safety First Task Force for two years. James is also a member of the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association.