

# ECG Powerline School – Groundman Certificate Program

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**ECG's Groundman Certificate Program** offers the opportunity to attain skills necessary to become an Apprentice Lineworker. Since 1992 our experienced instructors have trained students to fully develop their potential and contribute in a positive manner to the success of their organizations. Low instructor to student ratios allow extra one-on-one coaching and mentoring from the ECG training staff with over 176 years combined experienced.

## WHAT TO EXPECT EACH DAY

- 1 Basic Electricity
- 2 Rigging, Knots and Ropes  
Extendo Stick  
Electrical System Overview
- 3 Transformer Basics  
Pole Setting  
Handlines and Blocks/Rope Throw
- 4 Meter Base Safety  
Truck Set-up  
Prep of Material/Handline Operations
- 5 Knot Tying Contest  
Bucket Truck Rescue  
Rope Throw Competition

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## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS

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

With over 41 years of lineman experience, Jon currently serves as the VP 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, and MAWG (Mutual Aid Working Group) as well as previously serving on the APPA RP3 panel.

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

Having over 22 years’ experience in the powerline industry, Brandon is currently the Director of Training & Safety with ECG. He currently serves as Chairman of the Safety Committee for APPA and as a member of the RP3 Panel. He has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Georgia Lineman’s Rodeo Association, an “APPA Power Lineman’s Competition” Judge and Competitor as well as 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, Confined Space, 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 has also served on the board of the National Association of Journeymen Linemen as Vice Chair .

### Greg Phillips – ECG Assistant Director of Training & Safety

Having over 36 years experience in linework, Greg is currently the Assistant Director of Training and Safety 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 35 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 30 years experience in linework, with the last 10 years as Line Crew Foreman for the City of LaGrange. He has worked storm trouble in multiple states, including Hurricanes Opal, Fran, Irene, Matthew & Irma. 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.



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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Any employee who will work with or on a Powerline crew, either as a permanent assignment or in a storm/disaster situation.

*\*We have had engineers, warehouse and water-sewer employees attend.*

## CLASS LOCATIONS

**Jeff Cook Training Center**  
261 Bozeman Road  
Adel, GA 31620

**Newnan Training Center**  
381 Corinth Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### Monday

1:00pm to 4:00pm

### Tuesday – Thursday

8:00am to 4:00pm

### Friday

8:00am to 12:00pm

## PRICING

- \$375 ECG Training & Safety Members
- \$750 Non-Training & Safety Members

## SIMPLE WAYS TO REGISTER

Contact **Michelle Weekley** with registration information.

- Email [mweekley@ecoga.org](mailto:mweekley@ecoga.org)
- Phone 770.661.2770
- Fax 770.956.1909

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are unable to attend, substitutions will be permitted up to **one week** prior to the **first** class date with written notification, there will be **no refunds or credits** given. **Attendee must attend all 5 days to receive Certificate of Completion.** ECG reserves the right to reschedule or cancel any scheduled training class or to replace personnel.

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