# **TRAINING & SAFETY**

SERVICES

Unless indicated, the following is included in the service at no additional cost

- Safety Meetings offered at member utility facilities ten (10) months out of the twelve (12) month year, presenting a collection of safety and training topics specific to the electric utility employee. Topics include but are not limited to:
  - Complacency
  - Safety Culture
  - Hazardous Attitudes
  - Avoiding Shortcuts
  - Leaving a Legacy of Safety
  - Lineman's Jeopardy
  - Safety During Mutual Aid Events
  - Backfeed
- Onsite Training Classes classroom & hands-on instruction at member facilities:
  - Pole-top & Bucket Truck Rescue (annual OSHA compliance training)
  - Chainsaw Use and Safety
  - Transformer Banking introduction and use of the arrow system
  - Personal Protective Grounding
  - Equipotential & Bracket Grounding
  - Protective rubber cover-up/rubber-gloving
  - Confine Space Safety & Rescue (annual OSHA compliance training)
  - Trenching & Shoring/Competent Person Training (annual OSHA compliance training)
- Utility Safety Audit performed annually
  - A complete assessment of safety policies, procedures, equipment, and culture of the electric department.
  - A written report is provided with the goal of assisting the utility in determining areas of improvement, obtaining needed equipment and PPE, as well as areas of success.
  - Jeff Cook Award for Safety Excellence each utility is graded and given an award based on their audit report
- Personal Protective Grounds Testing performed annually
  - All grounds are tested and tagged as passed or failed.
- Accident Investigations included in service





- If requested, we will provide a thorough accident investigation with written report.
- Testify as an expert witness in any deposition or trial

### ■ **DOT Flagger Certification** – 2 year certification

- We use the National Safety Council program
- \$25 each for member employees
  - Typically, member employees are in the electric department employees who attend monthly safety meetings
- \$90 each for non-member employees
  - Employees who are either in other departments (water, sewer, gas) or do not attend safety meetings

#### ■ CPR/First Aid/AED Certification – 2 year certification

- We use the Medic First Aid program
- \$0 each for member employees
- \$90 each for non-member employees

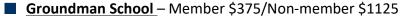
Mutual Aid - Assist with coordination of Mutual Aid by providing crews and other resources to assist the member during disaster situations.

POWERLINE SCHOOL Held at ECG Training Facilities in Newman & Adel, GA

**Pricing:** 







- 5 days
- Students are trained on the following:
  - Basic Electricity & Electrical Overview
  - Knot tying, Transformer Basics, Extendo Stick Operation
  - Digger Derrick Operation, Pole Setting, Rope Throw
  - Operating a Handline, Meterbase Safety, Bucket Truck Rescue

# Powerline Worker Apprenticeship Program - Member \$3,000/Non-member \$9,000

- Department of Labor Certified apprenticeship program
- 3 Year program requiring 6,000 hours of on the job training
- 3 hands-on labs at ECG Training Facilities
  - Lab A Rigging & Climbing
  - Lab B Distribution System Construction
  - Lab C Distribution Operations
- Students are tested in class and at home (online) and must maintain a grade average of 75 to graduate.
- Grade reports are sent to supervisors after every lab.

### Advanced Lineman Program - Member \$2,000/Non-member \$6,000

- 1 Year program with 4 modules lasting 2 days each.
  - Module 1
    - Distribution System Coordination
    - Customer & Employee Interaction
    - Module 2
      - Metering
      - Power Quality/System Grounding
    - Module 3
      - Advanced Transformer Connections
      - Accident Investigation
      - Storm Restoration
      - Distribution Switching
    - Module 4
      - Underground Troubleshooting
      - Exceptional Followership

## ■ Meterman Certification – Member \$1,600/Non-member \$4,800

- 1 Year program with 2 hands-on labs lasting 3 days each
  - Part 1 some of the topics are
    - Safe Metering Work Practices







- Meter Installation, Maintenance, & Troubleshooting
- Part 2 some of the topics are
  - Single & Polyphase Wiring Diagrams
  - Power Theft
  - Intro to AMI
  - Primary Metering
- Overhead Hotline School Member \$1,000/Non-member \$3,000
  - 5 day hands-on class at ECG Training Facilities
  - No climbing All training is done from a bucket truck.
  - Topics include
    - Understanding & Maintaining Minimum Approach Distance
    - Proper Cover-up
    - Proper use of a material handler bucket truck
    - Moving energized phases with and without a material handler
    - Setting poles in energized phases
- Underground Line Locating & Fault Finding Workshop Member \$0/Non-member \$1150
  - 2 days
  - Students are trained on locating underground cables as well as finding faulted primary and secondary cables.
- Storm Assessor Certification Contact Brandon Wylie for pricing bwylie@ecoga.org
  - 3 days of classroom and field instruction
  - Must pass a written test and fill out the damage form correctly
  - Recertification every 3 years
  - Conducted at member facilities
  - Topics include
    - Basic Electricity
    - Electrical Safety
    - Identification of material and EquipmentCompleting the damage assessment form



