# Welcome to Palm Beach! FMEA: Our Year in Review 2023-2024

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# Mutual Aid and Disaster Response

#### **Mutual Aid**

Coordinated hundreds of mutual aid personnel to assist Florida public power communities and electric cooperatives during Hurricane Idalia and during Tallahassee's multiple tornadoes in May

Hurricane Preparedness Forum
Held FMEA Hurricane
Preparedness Forum for more
than 160 FMEA members



#### Recovery

Spearheaded efforts nationally through APPA to develop and adopt mutual aid agreement Guiding Principles

#### **State and Federal Liaison**

Coordinated emergency response efforts with Governor's Office, State EOC, FDEM, PSC, ESCC, more

#### **Public Relations**

Promoted Florida Public Power response through op-eds, podcasts and presentations

Assisting our members with faster restoration and fewer outages





# **Advocacy**

## State and Federal Accomplishments

Led efforts to successfully fight off harmful municipal utility legislation

Spearheaded legislation to establish penalties for intentional harm to critical infrastructure

Successfully preserved important public records and meeting exemptions



Lobbied Congress on FEMA reform, supply chain constraints & maintaining affordable, reliable electricity

Tracked 90 unique pieces of legislation during the 2024 Florida legislative session

Provided dozens of legislative updates to FMEA members

Protecting the Interests of Florida Public Power





## **Events and Education**

400+ attendees at FMEA Annual Conference

**340+ attendees** at FMEA Energy Connections Conference

**55 exhibitors** at sold out FMEA Energy Connections Tradeshow

75 Apprentices, 23
Journeyman Teams and 64
Judges from 15 utilities
participated in FMEA's Florida
Lineman Competition



160+ attendees at FMEA
Hurricane Forum

14 roundtables and topic focused events and webinars 330+ attendees

40+ FMEA member attendees at FMEA Legislative Rally

**70+ sponsoring companies** at FMEA events

Providing conferences, events, and training to 2,000+ attendees





## **Communications and Information**

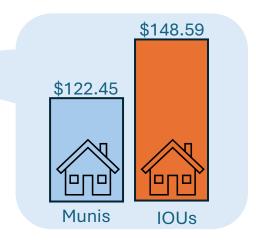
## **Bill Comparisons**

Reported rate data for 37 utilities from 15 categories in 12 reports

#### **Headline News**

More than 3,200 articles shared to 1,700 people in 52 issues

## FL Public Power bills \$26.14 cheaper!



## **Relay Magazine**

30+ feature articles in 4 quarterly issues highlighting 20 FMEA member utilities

#### **Email Promos**

75 promotional emails and Executive Director updates highlighting FMEA events

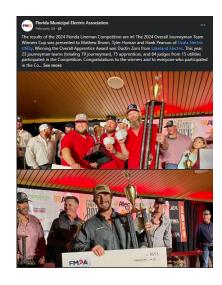
**Promoting Florida Public Power** 





## **Social Media**

**8,992 fans and followers** and more than **1,340 posts** on FMEA's social media accounts Increase of nearly **1,600 followers!** 



Facebook

3,599 fans and followers with top post receiving nearly

15,913 impressions



Twitter

1,757 fans and followers with top post receiving nearly

2,535 impressions



3,636 fans and followers with top post receiving nearly
15,205 impressions

Serving as the voice for Florida Public Power





## **FMEA Awards**

19 Building Strong Communities Awards

16 Restoring Communities
Awards

**14** Safety Awards

Honorary Membership Awarded to Joe Bunch from New Smyrna Beach Utilities



2023 FMEA Member of the Year awarded to Mike New from Newberry

2023 FMEA Associate Member of the Year awarded to ENERCON

**46** Trophies awarded at **Florida Lineman Competition** 

Overall Journeyman Team Winner
Ocala Electric Utility

**Overall Apprentice Winner Dustin Zorn, Lakeland Electric** 

Celebrating Florida Public Power's Achievements





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