FMEA supports and promotes Florida’s public power communities through information, advocacy and service.

- Representing and advocating municipal electric utility interests before legislative and regulatory bodies.
- Facilitating information exchange, innovation and productivity improvements to increase members’ efficiency and effectiveness through publications, training, conferences and networking.
- Promoting a positive image and enhancing public confidence in municipal electric utilities.

**Government Relations**
FMEA has a broad legislative team actively representing member cities’ interests on state and federal legislative and regulatory issues.

**Mutual Aid**
FMEA serves as the mutual aid coordinator for our member utilities, arranging assistance from other utilities to provide help following a storm, hurricane or other emergency situation.

**Education & Training**
FMEA offers educational programs aimed at improving member safety, business practices and operational procedures. These include frequent workshops, training programs, roundtables and other educational opportunities.

**News & Communications**
FMEA is a comprehensive news resource, an archive of industry statistics, and a source of legislative updates, safety and technical information, as well as the FMEA Monthly Bill Comparison. FMEA keeps members informed through multiple communications channels including a robust social media presence, quarterly Relay Magazine and our weekly news e-mail, FMEA Headline News.

Partnering with members to serve 1.4 million homes and businesses throughout Florida with advocacy, education, information and networking.

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There are many opportunities for involvement, including several standing committees and special interest groups for the municipal electric utility industry. In addition to specialized information sharing, FMEA also facilitates workshops and roundtables throughout the year geared toward specific groups that drive FMEA’s policies and programs. For more information or to request to be added to any FMEA Interest Group or Committee, Contact: Garnie Holmes (ext. 1005)

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FMEA SIGNATURE EVENTS
FMEA Annual Conference:
The conference is designed for upper-level utility managers and directors, city managers and local policymakers from Florida’s municipal utilities, investor-owned utilities and electric cooperatives. Contact: Nicole Albers (ext. 1007)

FMEA Energy
Connections Conference & Trade Show: The event features comprehensive workshops on Customer Connections, IT/Operational Technology & Cybersecurity, Safety & Lineworker Training, and Transmission & Distribution. There is also a trade show showcasing a variety of new products, services and technologies. Contact: Elizabeth Bendele (ext. 1002)

FMEA Legislative Rally: FMEA members meet in Tallahassee during Florida’s legislative session to advocate on issues affecting public power communities. Working together, this grassroots effort is an effective tool for communicating with state legislators. Contact: Nicole Albers (ext. 1007)

Hurricane & Emergency Preparedness Forum
This forum provides an overview of previous hurricane seasons, including lessons learned and best practices, mutual aid operations and procedures, information regarding the FEMA public assistance process, and an opportunity to network with fellow utility peers. Contact: Elizabeth Bendele (ext. 1002)

The Florida Lineman
Competition: This annual event pits utility lineman teams against one another in competitions demonstrating their skills, knowledge and teamwork. The Florida Lineman Competition emphasizes working safely in all aspects of utility operations and promotes positive safety training development. Contact: Elizabeth Bendele (ext. 1002)

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