



FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

## About Us

The Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) represents the unified interests of Florida's 33 public power communities. FMEA was established in 1942 in response to WWII fuel shortages and is now the state-wide trade association and voice for Florida's municipal electric utilities.

FMEA provides its members with government relations, mutual aid coordination, communications, education, and networking opportunities. The association is at the forefront of energy industry news and trends and supports its member utilities by promoting public power and delivering superior services through advocacy, mutual aid, education, and collaboration.

### Public power utilities play an important role in Florida's electric industry:

- 33 public power utilities, geographically dispersed across the state
- Serve 14 percent of the state's population – over 1.5 million homes and businesses
- Employ more than 5,700 Floridians
- Provide low-cost, reliable electric service, and have been doing so for over a century
- Provide safe, efficient operations and superior service
- Promote energy efficiency and conservation to lower consumer power costs
- Are community-owned and locally managed
- Support local government with transfer payments, which help communities pay for fire and police protection and other important local services

## Member Services

- Government Relations
- Mutual Aid Coordination
- Information Clearinghouse
- Industry News
- Relay Magazine
- Florida Electric Bill Comparison
- Lineman Assistance Fund
- Professional Network



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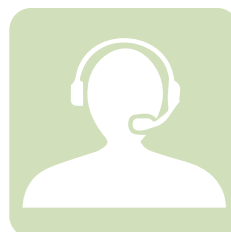
33 Local Utilities



4 Million Floridians



### Florida Public Power by the Numbers



5,800 Employees



14% of State Customers

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## Get Involved!

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 please visit [FLPublicPower.com/committees](http://FLPublicPower.com/committees)



## Legislative Rally • Winter event

The Legislative Rally is one of the most effective ways for you to meet and lobby your state legislators on electric utility issues. With legislation pending that affects all FMEA members, and with a significant financial impact, it is important for every utility to be represented at the Rally.

## Florida Lineman Competition • Spring event

The Florida Lineman Competition is a one-day event in which utility lineman teams and apprentices compete against one another in several different line working events. Vendors from the electric utility industry also attend the event, showcasing the latest industry products and services.



## Hurricane & Storm Preparedness Forum • Spring event

The annual Hurricane & Storm Preparedness Forum is a one-day event that offers presentations on hurricane preparedness and response, mutual aid, FEMA, and other disaster and emergency response related issues, as well as opportunities for Florida public power utilities to share best practices and lessons learned from each other.

## Annual Conference • Summer event

This three-day event features top industry speakers, informative workshops and discussion groups, and much more. The conference is designed for upper-level utility managers and directors; city managers and directors; and local policymakers from Florida's public power utilities.

The Conference is a summer highlight and brings together representatives from all segments of the electric utility industry: public, private and cooperative, and is extremely successful due to the support of the Florida public power community



## Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show • Fall event

The Energy Connections Conference and Trade Show brings together professionals from the energy industry to hear top-notch speakers on pertinent innovative topics and the latest in utility products and services. The convenient one and half-day format allows utility staff to keep travel costs low while receiving high-value education and training. The Conference incorporates a trade show that highlights FMEA Associate Members and vendor companies showcasing valuable industry products and services related to all aspects of the utility industry.