

Quad State Instructors was formed in 1964 by electric utility safety professionals from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

Members now hail from more than 28 states. Meetings are held twice a year, in January and June, with an optional meeting that can be held at the annual NUTSEA conference. During meetings, members exchange information and solutions, upgrade skills, and expand an ever-growing collection of shared training programs. New members are always welcome, as there is never too much knowledge and experience. Most of our members work with an Electric Cooperative or Municipal Power. If you are interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member, do not hesitate to contact us.



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APRIL 8-10, 2025

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

LINEWORKER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

#QSI

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

8:00am-8:15am Introduction

8:15am-9:15am Charlie Cartwright- Lineworker Leadership
Break

9:45am-10:45am Scott Meineke- Transformer Troubleshooting

10:45am-11:45am Dustin Brighton- Tree Felling Safety

11:45am-1:15pm Lunch

1:15pm-2:15pm Chad Johnson- Pride

Break

2:45pm-3:45pm Capt. Kevin Meinecie, USAF

3:45pm-4:45pm JD Cox - Technology

4:45pm-5:00pm Closing

6:00 pm *Welcome Dinner for All*

WEDNESDAY

8:00am-9:30am Hector Hernandez- Dealing with Difficult People
Break

10:00am-11:00am Matt Pociask- Parachute Failures

11:00am-12:00pm Ben Bella - Trust

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm-2:30pm Evan Garber- Rubber Goods Care

Break

3:00pm-3:30pm Bill Wibberg - Ben's Last Near Miss

3:30 pm-5:00pm Hector Hernandez- Dog Bite Prevention

6:00 pm *Vendor Showcase & Casino Night
(Appetizers & Prizes)*

THURSDAY

8:00am-10:00am Dwight Miller-Grounding for the Protection of Lineworkers
Break

10:30am-11:30am Johnny Hendrix- Flying Kites

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm Buddy Cadwell- Bashlin

Break

2:30pm-3:30pm Gerald Gordon- Accident Review

3:30pm-5:00pm Joe McElroy-

What Kills/Saves Lineworkers

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The QSI Safety, Training, & Leadership Conference concept came about in 2022. The core function of QSI has always been to promote collaboration between those that provide education and training to lineworkers.

This collaboration is the foundation of our group. The idea of hosting a national safety conference targeting up-and-coming lineworkers, not supervisors, is new. Apprentices and supervisors have many opportunities to attend training. However, there seems to be a lull for lineworkers who are 5-20 years into their career. QSI members saw this as an opportunity.

Our target attendees are the people who actively influence the safety culture at their utility. They are sought out by an apprentice if they have a question. These people take the time not only to show but to explain why specific tasks are done a certain way. The goal of this conference is not only to educate but to provide a place and means for people to collaborate, share, and engage with each other.

There are no conference fees for this training. Except for travel and lodging, the cost to attend is zero. You cannot buy your way in. This conference is different. The only way someone can attend is if a member of QSI recommends them. This is how we ensure we have the right people in attendance. Limiting attendees to one per utility is not an accident. This is done to encourage participation and eliminate concerns that open discussions may negatively affect them when they return to work.

If you are attending, you are in a very impressive group. You are here with some of the best out there. Reach out. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and build a network of like-minded folks to collaborate with.

Conference Location:
DoubleTree by Hilton
Omaha Downtown
Phone: (402)-346-7600
1616 Dodge Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102