

# Security Threats and Preparation Workshop



## Safeguard your utility from physical and cybersecurity threats

Every year there are thousands of electrical physical security incidents reported to the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center, affecting local utilities across the country. There are thousands of additional physical security breaches at water and wastewater facilities, city offices, and storage warehouses. Utilities are also vulnerable to cybersecurity breaches, sometimes leading to destruction of assets and stoppage of service. To maintain the characteristic excellence of hometown utilities, hardening security infrastructure is a must. Attend this workshop to deepen your understanding of trends in security and mitigation tactics.

This workshop will cover:

- Analyzing real case studies
- Discussing physical security essentials
- Performing a comprehensive threat assessment
- Reviewing cybersecurity trends
- Engaging with local law enforcement

### About the instructors

**Michael Coe** is the Vice President for Security, Resilience, and Energy Solutions for the American Public Power Association (APPA). He has over two decades of experience in energy policy and communications, most recently serving as the Director of the Defense Critical Energy Infrastructure Program in the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). He led programmatic efforts to create the first DOE energy sector risk register, informed by data provided by utility partners and current threat information from the intelligence community.



**Mike Willetts** is MMUA's Director of Training and Safety. Mike has over 40 years of experience within the utility industry. For the past 28 years he has been managing and developing the MMUA safety programs. He is an active APPA member and past APPA safety committee chairman, chairman of APPA engineering and operations committee, and most recently chairman of the APPA safety manual revision task force.



### Workshop dates and locations

January 30, 2024  
New Ulm

January 31, 2024  
Brainerd

February 1, 2024  
Plymouth (MMUA Office)

The meeting will run from 10 am–3 pm. Lunch is provided. Receive a certificate of attendance for continuing education.

Registration is open to MMUA members only at \$315. Register by January 9, 2024 for the best rate. The deadline to register is January 16, 2024.

To learn more and register, visit MMUA's website at [mmua.org/events/calendar](https://mmua.org/events/calendar).