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16 Apprentices Complete 5th Year of IBEW Journeyman Training

Sixteen apprentices from The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.) Local 668 have completed their fifth year of technical training and to become journeymen. Fifteen of the graduates are now each qualified as a journeyman wireman, and one graduate is qualified as a residential wireman. The journeyman wireman typically works in industrial and commercial settings while the residential wireman performs home wiring installations.

The newly graduated journeyman wiremen include Chino, California native **Richard Badders** (Shambaugh & Son), Monticello native **Hosea Bernfield** (Long Electric), Bringham native **Luke Ellis** (Long Electric), Philadelphia native **Brent Green**, Valparaiso native **Sean Hoagland**, Logansport native **Steve Isaacs**, Delphi native **Chuck Marchand** (King Electric), Summitville native **Darren Nelson** (Shambaugh & Son), Monticello native **Randy Sermon** (Long Electric), Lafayette native **Steve Weathers** (Long Electric), Lafayette native **Greg Wills**, and Cutler native **Adam Wilson** (Long Electric). Also graduating, *apprentice of the year* and Lafayette native **Keith Short** (Long Electric) and *Ivy Tech academic excellence award winner* and Brookston native **Ken Rayman** (Huston Electric). Delphi native **Chris Brown** (Twin City Electric) completed the requirements to become a residential wireman. Lafayette native **Matt Brown** (Huston Electric) completed his requirements to become a journeyman signman.

In order for an apprentice to finish his or her training, they are required to complete a minimum of 8000 hours on-the-job, as well as fulfill 1200 classroom hours. In addition to their journeyman cards, each program graduate is also awarded an associate degree in applied science. Classes cover traditional concepts such as welding, air conditioning, refrigeration, and fire alarm systems. Other courses such as fuel cells and solar voltaics have been added to the curriculum to accommodate the public's increasing reliance on technology. The apprentices also become proficient at servicing the most modern systems including process controls, fiber optics, and related instrumentation.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.) Local Union No. 668 was formed in 1910 by a group of electricians in Lafayette, Indiana. Members of I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 668 are part of the more than 780,000 international members. In 2003 the IBEW local 668 began using the **Real Journeyman™** and **Real Residential Wireman™** brands to designate their electricians who have completed the appropriate training. In contrast to many other states, Indiana presently has no certification or licensing requirements for electricians. The IBEW is working hard with state lawmakers to have appropriate legislation enacted in Indiana.