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# 2025 Oilfield Safety Day An Indiana Oil and Gas Association Workforce Development Program

**DATE:** 4/10/2025

**TIME:** 730AM-330PM

**LOCATION:** Wabash Valley College, Brubeck Arts Center  
 200 College Dr, Mt Carmel, IL 62863

**PARKING:** South Parking Lot

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## AGENDA

<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Check-In &amp; Session Assignments</b>	<b>Gallery</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Kick Off &amp; Welcome</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>Safety Keynote: Gerry Kinney, Safety in the Oil Field</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Coursework Sessions Begin:</b>	

- ◆ Coursework will begin at 9AM in your assigned Classroom.
- ◆ At the end of your first session, you will move to your next session in a different classroom.  
*For Example: If assigned Session 4 Classroom: Start in 4 Classroom; then go to 1 Classroom; then go to 2 Classroom; then go to 3 Classroom to finish the Oil Patch Safety Day*

	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
<b>Classroom 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Classroom 2</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>12:30 AM</b>
<i>Lunch in the Cafe</i>		
<b>Classroom 3</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<b>Classroom 4</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>

***Pick up your Oilfield Safety Certificates and Hard Hats in Gallery before you leave.***



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## Kick Off Speaker, Gerry Kinney

Gerry Kinney is a workplace safety advocate whose life changed in 2015 after a severe electrical accident. While performing routine linework for Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative he made accidental contact with the 7,200 Volt power line - an incident that underscored the critical importance of workplace safety and situational awareness. His experience highlights the critical importance of strict adherence to safety protocols, continuous training, and vigilance in high-risk professions.

Despite the challenges of recovery, including multiple surgeries and extensive rehabilitation, Gerry adapted to life with prosthetic arms and regained his independence. Today he is a passionate advocate for safety education, sharing his experience to stress the importance of proper training, communication, and adherence to safety standards. Gerry's resilience and determination serve as an inspiration, proving that even in the face of adversity one can rebuild adapt and continue making a meaningful impact.



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**Wendy Coles** is a dedicated Workforce Education Instructor at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, where she has been shaping the future of workforce safety and compliance training since January 2019. With over a decade of experience in the industry, Wendy specializes in the development and delivery of comprehensive OSHA, MSHA, and EPA compliance courses. Her expertise spans a wide range of critical topics, including Fall Protection, Confined Space, LockOut/TagOut, Respiratory Protection, and more. She has produced custom safety training videos and created OSHA-compliant programs tailored to specific client needs.

Before joining IECC, Wendy worked as a training consultant and co-owned Target Mine Training, where she developed mining-related online training products and managed compliance training programs across the U.S. Her earlier roles included Assistant Director of Mining at Vincennes University and Safety Coordinator at Vigo Coal Company, where she coordinated safety training for miners and contractors and handled extensive regulatory reporting.



**Heat Stress:** Focuses on recognizing, preventing, and responding to heat-related illnesses, emphasizing hydration, acclimatization, and protective measures.

**Slips, Trips, and Falls:** Highlights common workplace hazards, prevention strategies, and best practices for reducing incidents on walking and working surfaces.

With over 50 years dedicated to workplace safety, **Ted Marshall** has built safer environments across diverse industries. Beginning as Safety Committee Chair for a Fortune 500 warehousing operation, he led the team to OSHA VPP STAR status, demonstrating excellence beyond compliance. He later reduced incident rates as a Warehouse, Safety, and Logistics Manager, achieving 439 days without a recordable incident. As Operations and Safety Director for a commercial plastic scrap company, he strengthened risk management across multiple facilities. Since 2016, Ted has been an OSHA Outreach Instructor, delivering safety training and assessments nationwide. Currently, he is a safety instructor for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Business and Industry Training Department, where he provides businesses and municipalities safety consulting, policy development, and customized training. As a first responder for over 35 years and an Emergency Medical Responder, he also provides OSHA training for his fire district. Ted's career reflects an unwavering commitment to fostering safety-first workplaces that prioritize employee well-being and operational excellence.



**Confined Space:** Training covers hazards, entry procedures, atmospheric testing, and rescue protocols for working safely in confined or restricted areas.

**Hazardous Materials:** Training covers the identification, handling, and emergency response for hazardous substances to prevent exposure and environmental contamination.

**Wes Taylor** is currently an instructor with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Business & Industry Department. Wes is a retired Fire Chief with 20 years of service for the West Frankfort, Illinois, Fire Department. He is an Army and Army National Guard veteran with combat engineering, artillery, and infantry modes of service. Wes is a certified instructor for MSHA, PEC/Veriforce Oil & Gas, American Heart Association, Red Cross, and Lead EMT Instructor. He holds multiple training certifications through the Illinois Fire Service Institute & Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Wes has numerous other instructor/trainer certifications including FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness Incident Command System, Illinois Terrorism Task Force Unified Command, Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Illinois Schools, and was a former US National Guard instructor. Wes has an Associate's of Science in Pre-Engineering and attended University of Missouri at Rolla and Southern Illinois University Carbondale for Mining Engineering.



**H2S Awareness (Hydrogen Sulfide):** Educates workers on the dangers of H2S gas, detection methods, exposure limits, and proper emergency response to prevent toxic inhalation risks.

**CPR/First Aid Awareness:** This training will cover essential skills to recognize emergencies, perform CPR, and administer basic first aid, enhancing the ability to respond effectively to life-threatening situations.

**Jody White** serves as the Project Manager of SkillForge, a Manufacturing Skills Lab based at The Terry L. Bruce Center in Noble, Illinois, operated through Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

With a distinguished 47-year career as a Commercial and Industrial Electrician, White has contributed to a diverse range of projects. Over the past decade, he has expanded his expertise into education and training, preparing Electrical Apprentices to attain Master Electrician certification.

Recognizing the importance of workplace safety in the construction industry, White transitioned into roles dedicated to safety and workforce development. He has served as the Safety and Training Director for Arrow Electric (Louisville, KY) and the Independent Electrical Contractors of Southern Indiana and Louisville, KY. He is a certified OSHA Instructor for the Construction Industry and holds certifications in First Aid, CPR, and AED training through both the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

White strongly advocates for lifelong learning as a means for individuals to enhance their professional contributions, improve their quality of life, and support their families and employers. His mission is



**LOTO (Lockout/Tagout):** This training will cover procedures for safely isolating energy sources to prevent unexpected equipment start-up during maintenance or servicing.

**PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):** This training will provide guidance on selecting, using, and maintaining protective gear to minimize exposure to workplace hazards.

