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Mr. Beutler is a third generation Journeyman Lineman, a Journeyman Tree Trimmer (Arborist) and an Electrical Engineer, as well as a Safety Trainer.

In the US Marine Corp at the very young age of 17 is where Mr. Beutler started his trainer activities. It was the second day in telecommunications school and he was the only one out of 83 people who knew how to put on his climbing hooks, belt, and tools correctly and how to use the equipment. The instructor recognized this and put him in charge of the pole climbing portion of the training.

From that day forward Mr. Beutler has been involved as a training instructor with the electrical apprenticeship training program through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He continued as a safety and apprenticeship trainer at Tacoma power where he developed and updated several training programs to coincide with changes in the industry and safety related work rules, as well as held the Tacoma Power safety committee chair position.

In the 1990's Mr. Beutler was involved with *United Way* as a Loaned Executive, Drug & Alcohol Counselor and Helpline volunteer, the *Special Olympics* as a Games Management Team Leader, and the *IBEW* as the Brotherhood Fund President and PAC chairman.

From 2000 and forward, he has been the safety trainer and safety chair at King County Metro, a Labor & Industries High Voltage Inspector, a Labor & Industries Policy and Technical Services Leader in charge of WAC's 296-45 & 32, and a Labor & Industries Contractor Compliance Officer and DOSH Safety Consultation Supervisor.