

Henkels & McCoy's Bill Boell Honored

We are pleased to announce William H. Boell's selection as a 2008 inductee into The International Lineman's Museum and Hall of Fame, an organization that pays tribute to linemen who have made outstanding contributions to safety and excellence in the electrical industry. Individuals selected have consistently exceeded the call of duty and exemplify those qualities signifying the true nature of the Brotherhood of Electrical Linemen. As the Hall of Fame's Melanie Hovis stated, "The Board of Directors found the final selection to be very difficult since there were a number of equally qualified individuals whose sacrifices, dedication, and contributions made them admirably recognized by the industry."

Bill joined H&M in 1958 as a groundman, rising through the ranks to Senior Vice President. Dedication to those in the field has been a hallmark of his career. H&M's Al Lippy, a longtime friend and colleague, said, "Bill is recognized by those that knew and worked with him as a friend and one of the most dedicated linemen around. In his current role, Bill spends a lot of time with crews in the field, listening to and helping them. He has initiated many ideas to better the industry and make work for the lineman safer. Bill is a steering team member of the OSHA ET&D Safety Partnership and is instrumental in initiating *Best Practices* in the field."

Bill's concern for others is further emphasized by coworker Lou Ferenci, "I met Bill in 1991 when I began working for him. He is a great lineman. Whenever you talked to him, you learned something. When Bill became Vice President, the crews would enjoy the many times he would come to see them. He has always been there when someone was in a bind. You feel so much safer when you know there is somebody to go to. He worried about the team, not himself."

A formal Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held March 21, 2009 at the APPA Lineworkers' Rodeo in Austin, Texas.

Henkels & McCoy salutes Bill for this much deserved honor.

