



IMSA

International Municipal Signal
Association

***“The Leading International Resource
for Information, Education and
Certification for Public Safety”***



History *continued...*

- The basic purpose of the organization was to keep its members and others in the profession, up-to-date on proper procedures of construction and maintenance of signal systems and informed on new products and equipment developments.



History *continued...*

- In 1900 the organization changed its name to the “International Association of Municipal Electricians” (I.A.M.E.). This name remained for the next 35 years.



History *continued...*

- Records show that Thomas A. Edison and the Edison Electric Company were associate members in 1901.
- During that year the association members began developing standards and specifications for wire, cable, fire alarm boxes, and even the size of manhole covers.



History *continued...*

- Association members were also instrumental in the founding of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (N.E.M.A.) during this era.



History *continued...*

- At its October 1935 Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia, I.A.M.E. approved a new constitution and by-laws and changed the organization name to “National Municipal Signal Association” (N.M.S.A.).



History *continued...*

- In September 1937, the organization name was officially changed to the “International Municipal Signal Association” (I.M.S.A.).



History *continued...*

- Since its origin in 1896, IMSA has grown in size, stature and prestige.
- The Association has members in all areas of the United States, in many areas of Canada, and in many of the free countries of the world.



History *continued...*

- The first IMSA National School was conducted in conjunction with the Annual Conference in 1978.
- Since this first class was so successful, IMSA continues to hold certification classes around the country that are open to members and non-members.



IMSA Certification Committees

- Work Zone Traffic Control Safety
- Traffic Signals
- Signs and Markings
- Roadway Lighting
- Fire Alarm
- Public Safety Dispatch
- Inspections
 - ◆ Work Zone
 - ◆ Traffic Signal



IMSA Educational Foundation

- Founded in 1988 to help establish quality educational and certification programs for the Public Safety professional
- IMSA's primary funding source for all its education and certification program development



Today

- The IMSA objectives are to improve the installation, construction, maintenance and efficiency of Public Safety equipment and systems by increasing the knowledge of its members.



Today's Statistics Show

- We have grown to over 10,000 members and have issued over 82,000 certifications.



We Are Moving Forward

- Through its many years of continuous dedication of effort in improving and advancing all aspects of Public Safety, IMSA has gained recognition and influence with federal, state and local governmental agencies as well as many professional organizations.



We do this through...

- Certification and Education
- Information Sharing through IMSA publications ,the IMSA web site, and at our many networking opportunities.
- Partnering with other associations and agencies, such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), state and local Departments of Transportation (DOT).



IMSA Partners with NJATC

- Establishes a non-geographical partnership
- All certification scheduling for the IBEW and NECA through the NJATC
- Shared Resources



Publications

- IMSA publishes a variety of manuals and specifications related to Public Safety. These are available to members and non-members and include the following:



Publications *continued...*

- **IMSA Preventative Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment**
- **IMSA Official Fire Alarm Manual**
- **IMSA Official Wire and Cable Specifications**
- **IMSA Microprocessor Manual**
- **IMSA Electronics in Traffic Signal Controls Study Guide**



Publications *continued...*

- The **IMSA Journal** is published and distributed to members six times a year to inform them of new products and tools, technological advances, new applications and new ideas in the Public Safety field.



Publications *continued...*

- The IMSA Journal also includes current Section news, activities and information on the local, regional, national and international levels.



Certification

- It is the deep conviction of IMSA that a certification program is warranted in each area of public safety operations in order to assist governmental agencies in lowering the likelihood of unnecessary legal actions and to increase the quality of Public Safety personnel.



Certification *continued...*

- IMSA offers review courses and materials on traffic signals, fire alarms, telecommunicator, roadway lighting, work zone traffic control, and signs and markings.



Meetings - Classroom





Annual Conference – Certification Programs





Meetings – Classroom





Meetings – Technical Sessions





Meetings – Guest Speakers

- We have guest speakers at our conferences that share valuable information on topics such as Homeland Security, transportation issues at the federal or state levels, educational or employee development issues, etc.



Meetings – Vendor Displays

- Industries that supply equipment for transportation and provide the latest technology in all areas of Public Safety are welcomed and encouraged to participate in our meetings.



Future

- The future offers many opportunities for IMSA as we continue to grow and expand.
- As Public Safety technology goes forward by leaps and bounds, so do the requirements for the people that ensure these systems function as designed.



Future

- IMSA is dedicated to maintaining and developing material that keeps pace with the changing technology and the standards of our practices.
- This also involves new methods of delivering our services and products to those that need them.



Future

- IMSA depends on the many volunteers and paid staff to complete its mission and is always looking for people that are willing to take part in the program.



Future

- The members are what makes IMSA the ***“The Leading International Resource for Information, Education and Certification for Public Safety”***.



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