



**Russell Penn**

## **Branch Manager – Thief River Falls Office**

Russ joined Bergstrom Electric, Inc. as a Project Manager in October, 1996. He began his electrical career in 1972 as an Apprentice Electrician. Since receiving his Journeyman's license in 1976, he has held the following positions: Service Driver, Foreman/Supervisor, Purchasing Agent, Pre-Fab Manager, Service Manager, Project Coordinator, Education Director, Estimator and is currently

Branch Manager of the Thief River Falls Branch Office and a Project Manager for Bergstrom Electric, Inc.

During his electrical career, Russ has been responsible for numerous projects that have included, but are not limited to: hotel/destination center, county jail, sports arenas, strip malls, gas stations, multi-story buildings, residential, banks, industrial processing plants, grocery stores, schools, nursing homes, churches, event/convention center, casinos, water park, lighting retrofits, apartment complexes, dike pumping stations, street lighting, lift stations and hospitals.

As a Branch/Project Manager for Bergstrom Electric, Inc., Russ is responsible for both the supervision and management of foreman/supervisors, journeymen, apprentices and the Thief River Falls service department. Some of his other duties include: estimating; project and service contract negotiating; project design build; advertising and new business development.

### **Education and Experience**

- St. James High School - Grand Forks, ND
- Graphics Illustrator/Draftsman, UND Medical School - Grand Forks, ND
- Drantze Metering and Power Analyzation Systems
- Thirty-Nine (39) Years in the Electrical Industry
  - Thirty-Five (35) Years - Journeyman Electrician
  - Sixteen (16) years - Project Management
  - Three (3) Years - Service Manager
  - Fifteen (15) Years – Estimator
  - Three (3) Years - Purchasing Agent/Project Coordinator

### **Specialty Training/Affiliations**

- Ten (10) Hours Electrical Continuing Education - ND, MN and CO (Annually)
- Project Management Training Course - Purdue University
- Microsoft Computer Classes - Grand Forks School System
- Professional Electricians Program - I.E.C. - Dakotas, Inc.
- Asbestos & Lead Awareness Training - UND Environmental Training Institute
- School-To-Work Program - Grand Forks School System and Job Service of ND
- Apprenticeship and Training Committee Chairman - I.E.C. - Dakotas, Inc. (2004 - Present)
- Advisory Committee Member - Northland Community Technical College (2005 - Present)
- Member Board of Directors - ND Chapter IAEI
- Member - Builders and Traders Organization
- Supervisor Drug/Alcohol Training
- Safety Committee Member
- Affiliate Partner - I.E.C. - Dakotas, Inc.
- President - Townhome Association
- Mason/Shriner - Kem Temple
- Large/Small Equipment Training (Annually)
- Arch Flash Training

### **Licenses/Certifications**

- Minnesota Journeyman's License #AJ06342
- Colorado Journeyman's License #7879
- South Dakota Journeyman's License #3967
- First Aid/CPR Certified
- Certified Equipment Operator

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