

## Q&A: Scott Precourt, 2018 Technician of the Year

After enlisting in the US Navy in 1985 and serving in its electrical field with his older brother, Scott Precourt knew he had found his calling. He wanted to become an electrical technician.

“I became an Electrician’s Mate and stuck with it,” Precourt said.

After serving in the Navy, Precourt joined the IBEW Local 43 in Syracuse, NY, in 1995, before joining O’Connell Electric’s TEGG team in 2008.

Precourt’s dedication to learning about the electrical industry paid off during the 2019 Continuing Education Conference, when he was named the 2018 Technician of the Year.

Outside of O’Connell Electric, Scott and his wife of 21 years, Lori, enjoy taking long trips on their Harley Davidson Ultra Classic motorcycle. He has one daughter, Brittney, and a grandson, Gavyn. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.



Scott Precourt of O’Connell Electric Company in Victor, NY, won the 2018 TEGG Technician of the Year Award during the 2019 Continuing Education Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

**Q:** *What made you interested in working in the field as a Technician?*

**A:** “I wanted more out of being an electrician than just installing conduit. Being a technician challenges me to become a better employee and a better technician.”

**Q:** *Technology is always changing and evolving. As a Technician, how do you stay ahead of the technological curve?*

**A:** “Fortunately, O’Connell Electric is willing to send their technicians to different training classes to keep them up to speed with new technologies. We are also a NICET company and have to keep up our qualifications, which helps us stay ahead of the curve.

**Q:** *What is the most challenging part of your job and how do you overcome it?*

**A:** “The challenge is to be a good lead technician, so the newer technicians can learn to become lead technicians, and pass on their knowledge. This was a challenge because I had to back off on performing the work and letting the newer technicians troubleshoot and correct problems, and just provide them with guidance.

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**Q:** *What is the most rewarding part of your job?*

**A:** “When a client is relying on us to fix their electrical system, and that’s exactly what we accomplish. I find that very rewarding.”

**Q:** *What advice would you offer other Technicians to also be successful in their companies?*

**A:** “You’re never too old or too smart to learn something new. Also, safety is key to success – not only for you, but for everyone in the company.”

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