

Vice President

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Brian Sprinkle: Hello, my name is Brian Sprinkle. I am from mid-west Illinois. I grew up in a small farming community an hour west of Peoria. When I graduated high school and moved on to college, I studied in criminal justice at Western Illinois University. A lot of my friends that were leaving the program were having a tough time trying to find a job. I then decided to change my major to RPTA. The next best thing to being a police officer was a park ranger. I loved the outdoors and I wanted to help protect our natural resources. Little did I realize at that point in time that being a park ranger was rather tough to get into. I had been going to college for 2 years still not knowing what I really wanted to do with my life. I stumbled upon Dr. Thom Green and his program by accident. I signed up for a Dendrology course and a tree-climbing course. It made me realize that all of my life, I had been oblivious to trees and what they do for us. It was an eye opening experience. I ended up taking every single course that Dr. Green offered through the Urban Forestry Program. I started my own company in college doing residential work in the city of Macomb along with a few of my peers.

I graduated college in 2012 and went to work for The Care of Trees in Lake Bluff, IL. Shortly after that, I went on to work with Wright Tree Service as a Job Planner. That was when I really fell in love with Utility Arboriculture. I worked with Wright Tree Service for roughly 3 years. In 2015d, I received a promotion within the Wright Service Corp umbrella and now work for CN Utility Consulting as the Technical Applications Supervisor. I now manage various projects around the United States. These projects include but are not limited to: Annual distribution inspections compliant to California's laws and regulations as it pertains to UVM, LiDar NERC inspections, developed a post wildfire hazard mitigation program, Hurricane Matthew Disaster Response, utility pole inventories, and program reviews. I have spoken at various conferences on UVM related issues. I am currently on the UAA committee for the UVM Tree Risk Assessment BMP.

It is amazing to look back at the last 5 years and see where I have been, where I am at, and where I am going. This is a very exciting time to be in this industry. The integration of technology as well as an emphasis on sustainability will be some of the driving forces in the realm of Utility Arboriculture. I am thankful to be a part of it!