**Jim Maruniak – GTel Teleconnections (Germantown Telephone Co.)**

Jim has been involved in the communications industry for over 35 years. He began his career in 1984 as a Telephone Technician Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard. Upon completion of his service, he worked for NEC America for the following 13 years installing, maintaining and upgrading high density communication switches for such customers as IBM, Albany Medical Center, SUNY Albany, New York State Department of Corrections and many other customer accounts within the New York and Vermont regions.

In 1999 Jim joined the team at Germantown Telephone as a Central Office Installer and has been with the company for over 19 years. Currently he is the Central Office Engineer and is responsible for the design, installation and maintenance of all the equipment in the Central Office and all remote sites along with all future installations related to the New York State Broadband Grant program

Jim is a volunteer fireman for over 38 years and enjoys lake fishing and riding his motorcycle. He resides in Germantown NY along with his wife Stefania.