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## Lineworker Appreciation

*Thank you for your dedicated service!*



National Lineworker Appreciation is observed in April. It is a time to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us everyday. It is our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation and dedication of Electric Lineworkers! #thankalineman

## Careers: Utility Line Worker >>>

Electric lineworkers provide an essential service. They install and maintain overhead and underground power lines that keep electricity flowing. These specialized workers are on call 24/7 in case severe storms or other circumstances cause the power to go out.

Lineworkers work with high-voltage electricity, often at great heights, in all kinds of weather conditions. Maintaining the power grid is physically demanding. To become proficient, most lineworkers go through a technical training program and first learn on the job as apprentices under the careful eye of seasoned lineworkers who have earned journeyman status.



SHS Senior, Joe Butterfield tries out lineworker safety equipment.

### Safety Comes First:

Lineworkers spend numerous hours in safety training each year and must understand and apply crucial safety regulations.

Protective clothing is required to shield lineworkers since they work around high voltages. Collectively, gear components can weigh up to 45 pounds.

When a problem is reported, lineworkers must identify the cause and fix it. This usually involves diagnostic testing using specialized equipment and repair work. To work on poles, they usually use bucket trucks to raise themselves to the top of the structure, although all lineworkers must be adept at climbing poles and towers when necessary. Workers use specialized safety equipment to keep them from falling.



SCPPD linemen speak to students about utility line careers at the Stanton Community Schools Career Fair.

## Youth Energy Leadership Camp



It's not just another summer camp!

### Spend a week:

- Making life-long friends
- Learning about the electric industry
- Attending workshops
- Watching demonstrations
- Taking tours of electric generation facilities
- Canoeing... and much more!

To be eligible for this year's camp you must be a current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, complete the application found on page 3, and be a customer of Stanton County Public Power District!

Apply Today! Forms are due in the SCPPD office by May 1, 2023. Call the office with any questions.

## EnergyWise Incentives >>>

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs.

There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2023 year. For more information, check the website at [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) or call the office at 402-439-2228.



**ENERGYWISE**<sup>SM</sup>  
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

## 2023 Incentive Rebate Programs

### Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

\$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9

\$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

### High Efficiency Heat Pump:

\$400 - \$3,300 Incentive

Minimum \*SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

**\*15 SEER incentive discontinued after 2023\***

### SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.

# Work Zone Awareness Week

*National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 17-21, 2023 is a good time to learn about work zone safety; however, work zone safety should be observed 365 days a year.*

Cars or trucks that speed through a work zone not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or too close to a work truck can also put an elevated worker in danger by causing their raised bucket to move or sway.

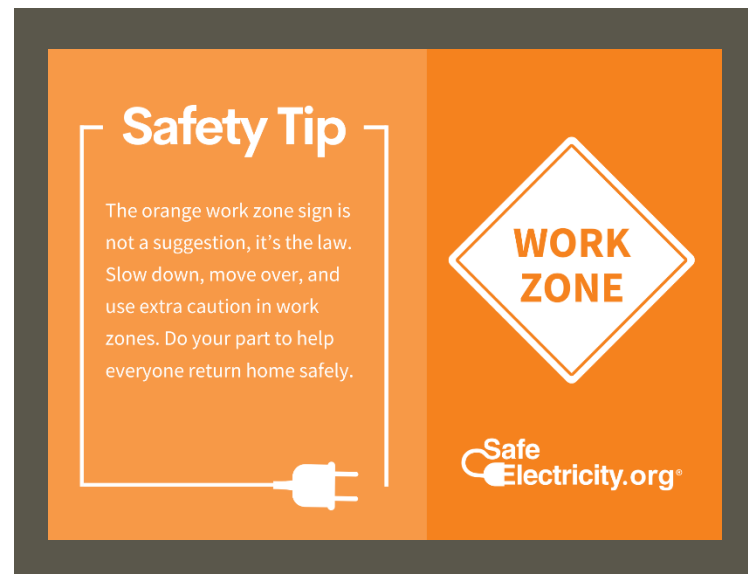
Streets and highways are lined with power poles and electrical equipment, and narrow roadways often require crews like ours to place their equipment in or near traffic lanes. Be alert to utility and other work zone crews for their safety and yours. Besides our crews, you might encounter road workers, other utility crews, tree trimmers or first responders working in or on the side of the road.

According to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, 774 fatal crashes and 857 deaths occurred in work zone crashes in 2020 (at the writing of this article, data was not available for 2021). Many other work zone crashes result in injuries. In 2020, 102,000 work zone crashes occurred.

## To Help Keep Roadside Crews Safe:

- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.
- Be patient. Traffic delays are sometimes unavoidable, so allow time for unexpected setbacks.
- Obey all signs and road crew flag instructions.
- Merge early and be courteous to other drivers.
- Use your headlights at dusk and during inclement weather.
- Minimize distractions. Avoid activities such as texting, operating a radio, applying makeup or eating.

Remember, slow down when approaching a work zone and move over for first responders and work crews. Do your part to help everyone return home safely at the end of the day.



*Youth Energy Leadership Camp Application Form>>>*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_



Camp Dates: July 9-13, 2023 located at Camp Comeca, Cozad NE.

Complete the form and return to the Stanton County Public Power District office by May 1, 2023!



# Put the phone down

*Fact: Drivers on a call miss seeing up to 50% of what they need to, including pedestrians and red lights. Keep yourself and others safe while you are behind the wheel!*



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