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2016 NWPPA Safety Award winners announced

VANCOUVER, WASH. – An annual tradition, the 2016 Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Safety Award winners were announced at last week’s Engineering & Operations Conference in Spokane, Wash., on April 14, 2016.



Employees accepted the 2016 NWPPA Safety Awards on behalf of their utilities at the 2016 E&O Conference and Trade Show in Spokane, Wash., on April 14.

Safety contest awards are based upon a review of each utility’s safety contest form, the number of recordable injury/illness cases (the incident rate) in 2015, and the lost work days (the severity rate) in 2015.

Last year, the E&O Planning Committee chose to present the safety awards during the Thursday evening banquet for the first time (versus presenting them at a smaller afternoon session where they had traditionally been awarded) so that a larger crowd could recognize and congratulate the utilities for their commitments to safety. This year, employees again accepted the awards on behalf of their utilities on a large stage in front of nearly 300 attendees at the banquet.

“These awards are an annual contest and they are a really big deal because they honor safety,” said EWEB’s Lance Hughes, chair of the 2016 E&O Safety Committee. “And I believe that should be in the forefront of everyone’s minds when working in the field.”



0-30,000 Hours of Exposure

First place tie: City of Ellensburg (Wash.)

First place tie: Milton-Freewater City Light & Power (Ore.)

30,001-70,000 Hours of Exposure

First place tie: Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative (Eugene, Ore.)

First place tie: Kittitas County PUD #1 (Ellensburg, Wash.)

First place tie: Lincoln Electric Cooperative (Eureka, Mont.)

First place tie: Tanner Electric Cooperative (North Bend, Wash.)

Second place: Sun River Electric Cooperative (Fairfield, Mont.)

Third place: Cordova Electric Cooperative (Alaska)

70,001-100,000 Hours of Exposure

First place: Wells Rural Electric Cooperative (Nev.)

Second place: Columbia REA (Walla Walla, Wash.)

Third place: Salem Electric (Ore.)

100,001-150,000 Hours of Exposure

First place: Mission Valley Power (Pablo, Mont.)

Second place: Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (Ore.)

Third place: Kootenai Electric Cooperative (Hayden, Idaho)

150,001-500,000 Hours of Exposure

First place: Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (Baker City, Ore.)

Second place: Cowlitz PUD (Longview, Wash.)

Third place: Northern California Power Agency (Roseville, Calif.)

500,001-1,000,000 Hours of Exposure

First place: Modesto Irrigation District (Calif.)

Second place: Chugach Electric Association (Alaska)

Third place: Eugene Water & Electric Board (Ore.)

Over 1,000,000 Hours of Exposure

First place: Chelan County PUD (Wenatchee, Wash.)

Second place: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (Calif.)

About NWPPA: NWPPA is an international association representing and serving nearly 150 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves approximately 300 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. For more information, visit www.nwppa.org, www.facebook.com/NWPPAssoc, or www.Twitter.com/NWPPAssoc.