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## **2017 NWPPA Safety Award winners announced**

VANCOUVER, WASH. – An annual tradition, the 2017 Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Safety Award winners were announced at last week’s Engineering & Operations Conference in Reno, Nev., on April 13, 2017.

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 2016, and the lost work days (the severity rate) in 2016.

Employees accepted the awards on behalf of their utilities at the conference’s closing banquet on Thursday evening in front of nearly 300 public power industry peers.

### **0-35,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place (tie): City of Ellensburg (Wash.)  
First place (tie): Hood River Electric Cooperative (Ore.)  
First place (tie): Kittitas County PUD #1 (Wash.)  
First place (tie): Milton-Freewater City Light & Power (Ore.)  
Second place: Cordova Electric Cooperative (Alaska)

### **35,001-65,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place (tie): Douglas Electric Cooperative (Ore.)  
First place (tie): Sun River Electric Cooperative (Mont.)  
First place (tie): Tanner Electric Cooperative (Wash.)  
Second place: Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative (Ore.)  
Third place: Lakeview Light & Power (Wash.)



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### **65,001-90,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place (tie): Clatskanie PUD (Ore.)

First place (tie): Lodi Electric Utility (Calif.)

Second place: Columbia River PUD (Ore.)

Third place: Salem Electric (Ore.)

### **90,001-125,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place (tie): Columbia REA (Wash.)

First place (tie): Consumers Power (Ore.)

Second place: Fall River Electric Cooperative (Mont.)

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

### **125,001-170,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place: Okanogan County PUD (Wash.)

Second place: Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative

Third place: Umatilla Electric Cooperative (Ore.)

### **170,001-270,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place: Pend Oreille PUD (Wash.)

Second place: Homer Electric Association (Alaska)

Third place: Roseville Electric Utility (Calif.)

### **270,001-500,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place: Cowlitz PUD (Wash.)

Second place: Mason County PUD No. 3 (Wash.)

Third place: Benton County PUD (Wash.)

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

First place: Clark Public Utilities (Wash.)

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

### **Over 1,000,000 Hours of Exposure**

First place: Energy Northwest (Wash.)

Second place: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (Calif.)

Third place: Chelan County PUD (Wash.)

**About NWPPA:** NWPPA is an international association representing and serving 153 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves over 300 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. For more information, visit [www.nwppa.org](http://www.nwppa.org), [www.facebook.com/NWPPAssoc](https://www.facebook.com/NWPPAssoc), or [www.Twitter.com/NWPPAssoc](https://www.Twitter.com/NWPPAssoc).