

Safety Playbook 2021

For the game of life



Date Used _____ Co-op/Company _____

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Play of the Week: Do you have a **LIFEGuard on Duty** at your co-op? MREA's **LIFEGuard** program, launched in June of this year, recognizes an individual who goes above and beyond what is typically expected. It recognizes a person that truly does want to make sure everyone goes home. This person LIVES the commitment every day through the actions and the words. This person will take the extra effort to "guard" the lives of others. MREA has now recognized TWO **LIFEGuards**. Will there be more? Send your story to lidia@mrea.org. Because you don't have to be working at a pool with a whistle around your neck to be a **LIFE** guard.



- Glenn Blommel of Stearns Electric Assoc.
- Ryan Kemnitz of Minnkota Power

What Happened?

From MN Small Business – In May, an owner of a Minnesota tree trimming business made contact with overhead lines. He was in a bucket lift, trimming trees, around 2:31 p.m. He suffered severe injuries and burns. The power had to be turned off before first responders were able to provide first aid and he was then transported to the burn center at Hennepin County Medical Center. [Note: A "Gofundme" account has been set up]

From MN Co-op - Just a good safety reminder to not be in the "line of fire" where if the backhoe would break, it could hit you; it is a very heavy piece of equipment that could be fatal. [see pictures below]

From Federated Near-Miss Database - A crew was intercepting a primary dip on a single-phase dead-end pole. There was also a single-phase overhead transformer. As the crew were hand digging with shovels to expose the underground cable, the pole fell away from the crew digging and hit the ground due to sub surface butt rot. The primary line remained energized. The crew contained the scene and went to the nearest protective device, deenergized the line, and continued with proper clearance procedures.



What Lesson Did We Learn?

Should you change your safe work practices?



Safety Pays!

2nd Quarter Winner Announced!

It pays to share for someone at Lyon-Lincoln just won \$75. Send to Lidia, Curt, Terry, Andrew and any of our safety ambassadors.