

My HOMETOWN POWER

MURFREESBORO ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Fall 2012

MED employees raise money to help fight cancer at this year's Lineman Rodeo

Employees of Murfreesboro Electric Department, along with members of International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 429, recently raised more than \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society by selling T-shirts at the annual Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo.

For the fifth consecutive year, MED linemen competed in the regional rodeo where line crews from across the Tennessee Valley demonstrated the skills of their trade. The event included competitions such as the Hurt Man Rescue and the Lightning Arrestor Change.

"It's a competition, but more than anything it's about safety and training," says

Jim Fuller, MED safety director. Workers depend on their fellow linemen from various utilities for help during times of major outages. Another benefit of the rodeo, says Fuller, is that it provides linemen an opportunity to work together and fellowship under non-emergency circumstances.

Each year, MED has created a T-shirt design for the competition. This year, however, they decided to use the rodeo as a way to raise money for cancer research. "We wanted to use our T-shirts to help others," says Renita Haley, service truck driver for MED. "We recently *Continued on page 2*

SENIOR LINEMAN EVENTS

Jim Fuller

- 1st place – Overall Totals
- 2nd place – Hurtman Rescue
- 2nd place – A3 Insulator and Shoe Change Out

APPRENTICE EVENTS

Matt Knapper

- 1st place – A6 Disconnect
- 3rd place – Down Guy Change Out

Corey Harrell

- 4th place – Written Test
- 5th place – A6 Disconnect
- 5th place – Hurtman Rescue
- 5th place – Overall Totals

JOURNEYMAN EVENTS

Jim Fuller

- 2nd Place – Open Wire Secondary Sag
- 3rd Place – Hurtman Rescue

Shannon DeBerry

- 4th place – Dead Lift

Roy Wright

- 5th place – Down Guy Change Out
- 5th place – Overall Totals



MED employees present \$2,000 for cancer research. (Left to right) Roy Wright, Steve Sax, Jessica Davis, Renita Haley, Amy Byers and Shannon DeBerry.

MED general manager named president of statewide association

Steve Sax, general manager at Murfreesboro Electric Department, was recently elected president of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association (TMEPA). He also received the Outstanding Manager Award for the previous year. TMEPA represents 60 municipally-owned electric systems throughout the Volunteer State, including utilities in Nashville, Memphis and Chattanooga.

The association was formed in 1966 to help represent members' interests in state government. Today the TMEPA has expanded to represent the power companies among policy makers in Washington, D.C., as well as Nashville.

"I'm honored to have been chosen to serve in this position," says Sax. "This association helps utilities like MED have their voice heard on legislation that impacts us and our customers."



Mike Allmand, TMEPA former president, presents Steve Sax with an award.

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lost a lineman to cancer, and almost all of us have lost family members and close friends. We decided to turn our shirts pink and use the slogan 'Climbing for a Cure.'" Renita has worked as the only female truck driver at MED for the past eight years.

The crew raised over \$2,000 at the rodeo and presented a check to the American Cancer Society. "We didn't realize it would be this big," says Fuller. "We are getting requests from other utilities for our shirts, and we have people from the community interested in them, too."

According to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), 12 million

Americans are currently living with cancer, and it is estimated that half of all men and one-third of all women will develop cancer in their lifetimes.

Steve Sax, general manager of MED, says he was excited to see employees take their rodeo involvement to a higher level. "Our employees have a lot of pride in how well they perform at the lineman rodeo each year," says Sax. "But it's more than a competition for them, more than a training exercise. It's an opportunity to fellowship with and support their fellow line workers, and to show the strength of the public power industry through community service. I couldn't be more proud of our team." ♦



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