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# AMP HOSTS SUCCESSFUL FIFTH ANNUAL LINEWORKERS RODEO

COLUMBUS, OH: (Aug. 30, 2018) American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) hosted electric lineworkers from three states within its membership for the Fifth Annual AMP Lineworkers Rodeo. The AMP Lineworkers Rodeo is a unique competition featuring the best lineworkers from across AMP's membership demonstrating their linework tasks and skills.

The Lineworkers Rodeo features three levels of competition: apprentice, individual and team. The rotation of events is designed to replicate actual lineworker tasks and to test skills needed on a daily basis. Events are judged based upon safety, work practices, neatness, ability, equipment handling and timely event completion.

"The AMP Lineworkers Rodeo is a unique opportunity for public power lineworkers to compete and showcase their skills," stated AMP Vice President of Technical Service, Michelle Palmer. "Lineworkers represent a critical link in reliably getting power to the customer and the work they do is extremely important. The Rodeo is an acknowledgment of the commitment and professionalism of the men and women who keep the lights on in AMP member communities."

The 2018 Overall Competition winners for the Apprentice events are first: Jeremiah Thomsen, Cleveland; second: James Nelson, Cleveland; and third: Curtis Blase, Westerville. Overall Competition winners for the Individual Journeyman events are first: David Overman, Jackson Center; second: Dan Cline, Piqua; and third: Matt Freds, Marshall. Overall Competition winners for the Journeyman Team events are: first: Westerville; second: Bryan; and third: CVEC Team 1. Below is a complete list of winners in each of the categories.

#### APPRENTICE

Written Test:

First place – Tyler Martin, Piqua Second place – Jeremiah Thomsen, Cleveland Third place – Clay McClure, Cleveland

## **Hurtman Rescue:**

First place – Billy Cascio, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) Second place – Terin Seevers, Westerville Third place – James Nelson, Cleveland

## **Obstacle Course:**

First place – Jeremiah Thomsen, Cleveland Second place – Curtis Blase, Westerville Third place – Kindric Link, Piqua

# **Rope Toss:**

First place – Kindric Link, Piqua Second place – Curtis Blase, Westerville Third place – Jeremiah Thomsen, Cleveland

# **Cutout Change Out:**

First place – Jeremiah Thomsen, Cleveland Second place – Curtis Blase, Westerville Third place – James Nelson, Cleveland

## **INDIVIDUAL**

# **Hurtman Rescue:**

First place – Dustin Foley, CVEC Second place – David Overman, Jackson Center Third place – William Houser, Cuyahoga Falls

# **Insulator Change Out:**

First place – Dan Cline, Piqua Second place – David Overman, Jackson Center Third place – Dustin Foley, CVEC

#### **Obstacle Course:**

First place – David Overman, Jackson Center Second place – Dustin Foley, CVEC Third place – Dan Cline, Piqua

## **Rope Toss:**

First place – Kenneth Wagner, Piqua Second place – William Houser, Cuyahoga Falls Third place – David Overman, Jackson Center

# **Cutout Change Out:**

First place – Dan Cline, Piqua Second place – David Overman, Jackson Center Third place – Kenneth Wagner, Piqua

#### **TEAM**

## **Hurtman Rescue:**

First place – Westerville (Cody Leitner, Michael Roark, Chris Revennaugh, John Friley) Second place – CVEC Team 1 (Jimmy Wilmoth, Steven Matney, Brian Prue) Third place – CVEC Team 2 (D.J. Noble, Brandon Hudson, Brute Gardner)

# **Insulator Change Out 4kV:**

First place – Westerville Second place – Bryan (J.J. Rupp, Brad Plummer, Whit Longcore) Third place – CVEC Team 2

## Three Phase Transfer 4kV:

First place – Westerville Second place – Bryan Third place – CVEC Team 1

## Wire Down:

First place – Westerville Second place – CVEC Team 2 Third place – CVEC Team 1

# Crossarm Change Out - Grounded 12kV:

First place – Westerville Second place – Bryan Third place – CVEC Team 2

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#### **ABOUT AMP:**

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined, these public utilities serve more than 650,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, solar, wind and other renewable resources. For additional information, visit AMP's website at <a href="https://www.amppartners.org">www.amppartners.org</a>.