

AMONG The Fastest Linemen in the East...

NOVEC Wins Awards at the 15th Annual Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo

NOVEC line techs display outstanding safety and technical abilities in route to win.

NOVEC LINE TECHS WIN LINEMAN'S RODEO

A NOVEC team of journeyman line technicians won the overall journeyman competition at the 15th Annual Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo, May 20, at Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia. The team competed against 17 other journeyman teams from 14 electric utilities.

The Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo features three-man journeyman teams and individual apprentice linemen who perform a variety of required skills atop 40-foot utility poles. Judges score the competitors on how quickly they complete each task correctly and safely.

NOVEC's overall first place journeyman team of Justin Bettis, Kyle Sarvis, and Jesse Taylor won four of the five events. A second NOVEC journeyman team of Dan Hampton, Chris Perry, and Robbie Studts took fifth place overall. NOVEC's apprentice line techs James Davison, Anthony Helsley, Mauricio Paz, and Emmanuel Marfo swept the Climbing Skills event.

"NOVEC's line techs were outstanding," said NOVEC President/CEO Stan Feuerberg. "Our journeyman teams have won the Gaff-n-Go three times since 2012, which speaks volumes about the training they've received and their individual and collective determination to excel and compete. We're proud that our apprentice linemen have recognized the importance of those skills mastered by our more experienced linemen and have chosen to follow their lead."

Mason "Skip" Hollcroft, NOVEC System Construction manager, said, "Line techs must be physically and mentally sharp to climb utility poles and work with electricity.

They often do this dangerous work in the worst kinds of weather, including at night. Despite all of their challenges, I'm proud to say our line techs have an outstanding safety record."

Christopher Heggen, NOVEC System Construction supervisor, said, "I thank Joe Walker, our lead line tech who coaches our competitors. He has been the backbone of our rodeo teams for years. And I thank Eric Depukat, Matt Grenke, Tony Hyier, Roy Robinson, Marc Schiller, Eric Stewart, and Norman Tapp for volunteering as rodeo judges."



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The days are long, hot, and humid – yes, summer is in full swing in Northern Virginia. NOVEC offers these tips to keep cool and save this summer:

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- ☀ Seal leaky windows and doors to keep cool air in and hot air out.
- ☀ Install a programmable thermostat to make temperature adjustments easy.
- ☀ Use fans to help circulate air, but remember to turn them off when you leave the room.
- ☀ Have a qualified heating-and-cooling technician check the central air-conditioner unit annually.
- ☀ Change unit filters every month — or according to manufacturer's recommendations — for peak efficiency.
- ☀ Turn the water-heater temperature down to 120 degrees or set it on the "warm" setting.
- ☀ Cook with a microwave oven or grill dinner outdoors.
- ☀ Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans just long enough to remove heat and steam.
- ☀ Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs.

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