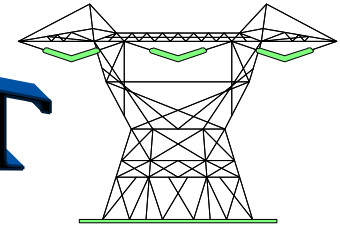


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ON-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS

A 2nd step Missouri Valley apprentice was injured after falling off a guard structure.

The guard structure had been set using 75 foot poles to protect an existing line and a road crossing. This guard structure was also guyed so it could be used as a catch off point for the 795 wire being pulled in.

Apparently the apprentice was on his way up the guard structure to catch off the wire when he cut out and fell 20 feet to the ground. The apprentice landed on his feet on hard packed ground.

The apprentice broke both his heels and had to undergo surgery to have pins put in them. He will have to be in a wheel chair and stay off his feet for at least 3 months.

A 6th step Missouri Valley apprentice working out of his local union jurisdiction and a journeyman had quite a scare when the basket on their bucket truck broke.

They were working on a distribution circuit under a 69 KV line, both circuits were de-energized and grounded and both were vertical construction. The basket broke tipping them over into a horizontal position just above the middle phase of the distribution circuit. They were about 5 feet from the pole.

Both men had to unhook their lanyards and crawl out on the wire and crawl over to the pole where they had to wait 20 to 30 minutes for another bucket truck to be set up to get them down. Fortunately, no one was injured.

OFF-THE-JOB-ACCIDENTS

A 4th step Missouri Valley apprentice was seriously injured after falling asleep at the wheel on his way home from work.

The apprentice was about 5 miles from home when he fell asleep and rolled his vehicle several times. The apprentice was thrown from the vehicle and laid there injured for about 1 to 1 ½ hours before being found.

He suffered a broken hip, broken pelvis, separated his shoulder, tore open his forearm that required 40 stitches to close and received head injuries. The apprentice is expected to be off work about 8 weeks.

NEWS

Everyone at Missouri Valley would like to welcome Tom Wassenaar to the Missouri Valley staff. Tom started 6-11-07 as a Related Training Coordinator. Tom has been a Saturday instructor for Missouri Valley since January of 2006 teaching 3 of the 5 Iowa classes. Some of his duties will include teaching Saturday apprenticeship classes, rubber gloving classes, helping out with Orientation Week as well as providing training for apprentices on the road.

Tom can be reached at the apprenticeship office at 515-961-5062 ext. 14. We wish Tom the very best in his new career.

STATISTICS

During the year of 2007 we have had:

- 107** Indentures
- 18** Apprentices dropped for non-compliance
- 18** Apprentices granted a voluntary withdrawal
- 1** Fatality
- 33** Graduates

We currently have **523** apprentices in the program.