

# THE MPPD MINUTE



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## Storm Repairs

A severe thunderstorm with high winds swept through Southwest Nebraska on June 28th. While McCook Public Power District's services received minimal damage, our neighboring PPD's did not fare as well. Southwest Public Power District (SWPPD) suffered damage to 50+ poles including both transmission and distribution lines. MPPD was able to send a couple of crews along with digger trucks and bucket trucks to assist SWPPD in restoring their power quickly.

SWPPD and MPPD along with many of the public power districts in Nebraska participate in a Mutual Aid Agreement through the Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA). The object of this agreement is to allow PPDs to furnish Mutual Aid to neighboring utilities in cases of destruction of lines and equipment, usually caused by the elements and resulting in major interruptions of electric service.

*Photo Courtesy of Ryan Hammond*



*Two MPPD apprentice lineworkers hang line on a transmission structure that went down during the storm.*

## 7 Campus Safety Tips Every College Student Should Know

1. Do not overload electrical outlets, power strips or extension cords. Use power strips with an overcurrent protector.
2. Be aware of your surroundings, especially when listening to music or texting.
3. Unplug small appliances when not in use and all appliances when away for extended periods.
4. NEVER WALK ALONE AT NIGHT
5. Avoid using generic cubes or cords. They could overheat, shock, or burn you.
6. Locate the emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.
7. Do not put your cell phone on or under your pillow or bedding. It could overheat and catch fire.



## Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Youth Energy Leadership (YELC) had a different look this year. YELC was forced to relocate to a new camp after the Bovee Fire destroyed the Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey, NE in October 2022. Fortunately we were able to hold the 2023 Youth Energy Leadership Camp at Camp Comeca near Cozad, NE.

Jessica Pochop (left) and Kaydence Long, both students at McCook High School represented MPPD this year. During their week at camp, students toured the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant and saw first hand the process of generating electricity.

Students who are in grades 9-11 and whose home and/or farm is served by MPPD are eligible to participate in the camp. Students then have the opportunity to apply for a trip to Washington D.C. the following summer. For more information about YELC contact Becky Siebrandt at 308-345-2500 or [beckys@mppdonline.com](mailto:beckys@mppdonline.com).