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Success in 2021

We want to thank the employees for another safe and successful year at Cedar-Knox PPD. Cedar-Knox's Mission Statement: **Dedicated to Providing Innovative, Safe, Reliable Service to Our Customers** is carried out each and every day thanks to the employees hard at work.

Each year brings different situations that we need to work through. This past year has been no exception. Some of this year's

challenges were: the ongoing pandemic, polar vortex in February with rolling blackouts, supply chain disruptions, and more. Yet, the employees of CKPPD met these challenges and had a very successful year. This year's accomplishments include a safe year with no lost time accidents, technology implementation to increase communication and efficiency between the field and office, achieving record peak

loads with next to no disruptions to service, and an aggressive work plan that upgraded lines and infrastructure to improve reliability in areas throughout the District.

Employee dedication and hard work are necessities in order for all these things to happen. We thought you might like to know a little more about our full time employees:

Cedar-Knox PPD Employee Statistics

EMPLOYEES

27



18

AVERAGE
YEARS OF
SERVICE



AVERAGE AGE

43

Breakdown
of Employees
Age Groups

3 AGES
20-29

7 AGES
30-39

10 AGES
40-49

5 AGES
50-59

2 AGES
60 &
OVER

We are proud of all employees that do their part to keep things running smoothly company wide. It truly takes a team and we are proud to serve our customers.

From all employees and the Board of Directors, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Generator Safety Tips

Electric generators can provide power during outages and while convenient, they can also generate risks if not handled properly. Be sure to contact a qualified vendor or electrician to help you determine what generator is best suited for your needs. Follow these tips to keep everyone involved safe.



Always use in a well-ventilated area.

Never run your generator in a home or garage. Generators give off deadly carbon monoxide.

Use caution when selecting a place to setup.

Avoid running the generator in areas where carbon monoxide can enter the home – near windows, doors, or vents.

Operate the generator on a stable, dry surface.

Generators pose electrical risks, especially when run in wet conditions. Protect

the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure.

Test your generator. Make sure your generator is well-maintained and in good working order before use.

Contact your local electrician. They can properly connect or install your generator to ensure it operates safely and meets all electrical codes.

If you have any questions regarding the use or setup of a generator, please contact us at (402) 254-6291.

20 Years of Service

Tom Potts, Crew Foreman, is celebrating his twenty-year anniversary with Cedar-Knox Public Power. What a great display of loyalty to our company and our community. Tom began his career with NPPD, and then after several years joined the CKPPD crew following the town realignments.



20 YEARS

Over the years, Tom has found working with the other linemen the most enjoyable part of the job. When asked about the harsh environment that linemen have to face, Tom said, "The weather keeps things interesting." Many things have changed over his career, and learning all the new technology has been the most challenging according to Tom.

You are a great leader, Tom. Thank you for all you have done for Cedar-Knox Public Power. We look forward to many more years with you on the CKPPD team!



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WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY

HOLIDAY SEASON

We will be closed Friday, December 24th & Friday, December 31st

12 DAYS OF

Christmas Energy Efficiency

Day 1

Use energy-saving LED holiday lights to decorate your home

Day 2

Use a timer to turn off holiday lights at night when you are sleeping

Day 3

Having guests over? The additional people in your home will create more warmth, so lower your thermostat when guests arrive

Day 4

Close the fireplace damper when a fire is not burning to keep cold outdoor air where it belongs

Day 5

Ask Santa for a smart or programmable thermostat to save energy

Day 6

Heading out of town? Don't forget to unplug appliances and electronics that consume energy when not in use

Day 7

Gifting new electronics, gadgets or appliances? Look for the ENERGY STAR logo

Day 8

Keep the winter chill outdoors by sealing air leaks around your home with weather stripping and caulk

Day 9

Open blinds and curtains during the day to let natural sunlight warm your home

Day 10

Rechargeable batteries and chargers are environmentally friendly and make great last-minute stocking stuffers

Day 11

Cooking a holiday feast? Use the oven light to check the progress of your dish

Day 12

Enjoy the cozy ambiance of your holiday tree at night by turning off other lights and saving energy

PLEASE UPDATE!

Do you still have your landline? If not, please let us know. We sometimes need to reach you regarding a planned outage, electrical usage variations, and more. Give us a call at (402) 254-6291 or (800) 891-5196 to update your information. Thank you.

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