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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park Electric Utility receives FMEA Safety Award

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 12, 2021) The City of Winter Park Electric Utility Department was recently recognized by the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) with a Safety Award for its commitment to worker safety. FMEA represents the unified interests of 33 public power communities across the state, which provide electricity to more than 3 million of Florida's residential and business consumers.

The award was based upon their **perfect record** in Category A, up to 59,999 worker hours. Utilities are placed into categories and rewarded for the most incident-free records based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2020, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). For more information about this special recognition, please access the 2020 FMEA Safety Awards video.

Electric linework is one of the country's top 10 most dangerous professions. Lineworkers risk electrocution, falls, burns and other injuries in every type of weather as part of their daily efforts to provide reliable and affordable power. For this reason, public power communities across the state emphasize the importance of safety training and safety precautions.

"Linework is an incredibly rewarding profession, but it is also a very risky one that could result in serious injuries and fatalities. That is why utilities must make safety their top priority. In this industry, nothing is more important than the lives and wellbeing of our lineworkers," said Amy Zubaly, FMEA Executive Director. "Congratulations to Winter Park Electric Utility for its commitment to worker safety and being among the 21 public power communities recognized this year."

Please access the city's official website to learn more about the Electric Utility Department.

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