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CITY OF BUSHNELL RECEIVES AWARD FOR UTILITY SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT

(Bushnell, Fla.) – The City of Bushnell has received a Safety Award from the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) for its continued commitment to safe work practices during the past year.

For the past 29 years, FMEA has recognized the efforts of Florida’s public power utilities to stress worker safety as the No. 1 priority. Utilities are placed into categories according to their total man-hours worked, and rewarded for the most incident-free records. The incidence rate used to judge utilities was based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2016, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The City of Bushnell was recognized for a perfect record with no reported accidents on the job in category A, which is comprised of utilities with up to 59,999 man-hours worked. This recognition reflects the City of Bushnell’s commitment to protecting workers’ safety, while also ensuring reliable electric service to the customers. In an industry where serious injuries and fatalities are inherent, safety training is the best line of defense in preventing accidents and saving lives.

Awards were presented on April 22nd at the FMEA Annual Florida Lineman Competition Awards banquet in Lakeland.

About FMEA: The Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) represents the unified interests of 34 public power communities across the state, which provide electricity to more than 3 million of Florida’s residential and business consumers.
