

Fun in the Field!

DWP

Meet the Power System Safety Crew

Counselor Gedina visits with DWP Power System Safety.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

Over the past year I have spent many of my mornings at quarterly safety meetings with the DWP's Power System Safety and Training Crew. Their job is to prepare presentations for civil and exempt Power System employees on prevented accidents, accidents that already occurred, and helpful tips that will keep employees safe. They take time to go in-depth on how to use personal protective equipment, safe work procedures, and government compliance.

I wanted to take a moment and introduce to you the people managed by Tyrone Jeffries, Club Member, who make all these presentations possible. It's a group of guys who go above and beyond the call of their job scope to keep people safe.



Matt explains how important it is to immediately use the burn gel provided by the department if an arch burn was to occur.



Doug shares a new tool with employees at Palms District, 3rd Quarter Safety Meeting.



Matthew Woodson

Matt started out working with the City at Public Works/Sanitation on a trash truck. After a year he transferred to the DWP. He started his career at the Northridge Yard as an Electrical Craft Helper. Today he is a Sr. Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Tip: Keep your electronics out of the heat and off your dashboards!

Matthew Woodson, Club Member, 28 years of service, Senior Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.



Douglas Kleinberg

Doug started his career with the DWP in 1990 as an Electrical Craft Helper at the Palms Yard. Today he is an Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor with the Power System Safety.

Tip: Go easy with your lawn watering!

Douglas Kleinberg, Club Member, 22 years of service, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.



Eduardo Ramirez

Commonly known as Eddie, he started with the Electric Trouble (Blue) at the Van Nuys District in 1983. Today he is an Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Tip: Stay away from downed electric wires!

Eduardo Ramirez, Club Member, 29 years of service, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.

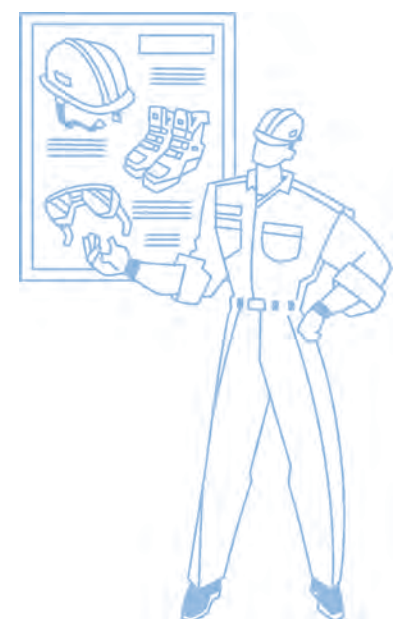


Walter Rodriguez

Walter started out with the DWP as an Electrical Craft Helper in 1988 at the Central Yard in downtown Los Angeles. Today he is an Electrical Distribution Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Tip: Beware of your surroundings at all times!

Walter Rodriguez, Club Member, 24 years of service, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.



Robert Cooper

Robert has been with the department for 22 years. He has worked with the Underground Distribution Construction Division as a foreman for the past 10 years. Currently Bob works as a Training Supervisor and has assisted the Power Distribution Safety Section for the last year and a half.

Tip: Never drive tired! Always pull over if you feel yourself getting sleepy.

Robert Cooper, Club Member, 22 years of service, Distribution Construction Foreman with Safety & Training.



Edward Lewis

Ed started with the department 1982 as an Electric Station Operator Trainee at Receiving Station G. Today he is a Chief Electric Plant Operator with Power System Safety.

Tip: Always follow guidelines and directions for what equipment you're using!

Edward Lewis, Club Member, 30 years of service, Chief Electric Plant Operator with Safety & Training.