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Defibrillator purchasing program announced for NEPPA members

Effective Aug. 1, NEPPA members can purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at substantial discounts from market prices, thanks to a new business partnership established between NEPPA and Life Support Systems. Life Support Systems is a private company headquartered in Boston, Mass. which specializes in workplace safety programs and emergency response equipment. They are an authorized American Heart Association Training Center and a National Safety Council Training Agency.



As reported by the American Heart Association, Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) kills more than 350,000 Americans each year. AHA estimates that up to 100,000 deaths a year could be prevented if early defibrillation was readily available in the first few minutes of a SCA emergency. Because the use of Automated External Defibrillators can save the lives of workers who experience cardiac arrest while on the job, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has encouraged employers to consider making this equipment available in their workplaces. "AEDs are easy to use and can make the critical difference in reviving individuals

who suffer a cardiac crises," said OSHA Administrator John L. Henshaw. "Administered within three minutes, the electric shock (defibrillation) restores the normal rhythm to the victim's heart and can increase survival rates from less than 5 percent to nearly 75 percent. Immediate defibrillation can revive more than 90 percent of victims."

Medical service personnel have used AEDs for nearly 30 years to treat cardiac arrest in the United States. Only within the past six years however, have they become readily available and affordable for use by trained lay persons in other disciplines, such as public safety and recreation. With increased production and sales, prices for AEDs and related equipment and supplies have declined, and utilization has greatly increased.

The purchasing program offered to NEPPA members will provide highly competitive prices for AEDs, along with certification training, site assessment, maintenance and service, data management, and other emergency response equipment. In addition to electric utility members of



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Executive Director's Report

Autumn in New England

by Patrick Hyland



With summer more than half over, plans for fall events are being made at NEPPA, with the hope that our members will find one or more of these worthy of their time and attention. Here are some of our autumn offerings, with more details available on the NEPPA web site.

Lineworkers' Rodeo – The fifth annual Northeast Public Power Lineworkers' Rodeo will take place on Saturday, September 6, in beautiful Burlington, Vermont. Public power lineworkers from throughout New England and New York will compete for the Champion's trophy as they show the skills, dexterity and fearlessness for which they are known. It's a great way to spend a late summer day, whether as a participant or a spectator. The sun setting over Lake Champlain is provided at no extra cost.

Supervisory Skills – The fall session of our training program for new supervisors will take place on October 3rd, at the Radisson Hotel in Marlborough, Mass. If you couldn't make the spring session, but

still want to strengthen your leadership, communications, coaching, and decision-making skills, you're welcome to attend.

Administrative Conference – A one-day conference for administrative professionals will take place on October 3rd at the Holiday Inn in Taunton, Mass. Executive assistants, office managers, secretaries and other support staff will have the chance to network with their peers, share ideas and get some professional advice on improving office communications, managing time, and using humor and creativity to solve office problems. This is a great opportunity to show your administrative personnel how much you value their contributions.

Public Utility Management Program – The fall session of our management training program will take place on October 8 – 10 at the New England Center in Durham, New Hampshire. Two and one-half days of discussions and focus on critical industry issues and management skills, with the world

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NEPPA holds meeting for utility conference planning

Pat Hyland, Kris Nicolas, Bob Henriksen and Mark Kruger tour facilities at a possible site for the 2004 Utility Conference & Expo.



The NEPPA staff met with several association affiliates on July 11 to discuss the NEPPA Utility Conference and Expo that is held each year in June. The purpose was to solicit suggestions on how to make this event a more worthwhile investment of time and dollars. Participants contributed some valuable ideas on how to improve attendance for both inside and outside exhibitors, a better system for raffles, and other ways to make the event more beneficial for all participants. Participating were Joseph Gately, from A.A. MacPherson, John Scherer from Dufresne-Henry, and Mark Kruger of ALTEC Industries, Inc. Representing NEPPA was Pat Hyland, Mary Harrington, Kris Nicolas, Sheila Boone, Lori O'Donoghue and Bob Henriksen.

Date and location of the 2004 Utility Conference will be announced in News Line.

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famous New England Center culinary specialists making sure we have enough to eat. Topics will include wholesale market operations, politics and public power, customer service and managing time effectively. There are still seats available for those who want to join the class of 2003.

Image Recovery Seminar – The NEPPA Public Communications Committee has scheduled a seminar on October 23 at the Shrewsbury Town Hall for public power professionals who handle

public and media relations for their utilities. A professional public relations consultant will lead a discussion about how to recover from an image crisis, using case studies of organizations which have already traveled this path. Whether your utility has faced such a crisis or not, it's good to know that it can be done, and how.

We look forward to seeing you at these worthwhile events.

Defibrillator purchasing

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NEPPA, other municipal agencies in public power communities will be able to participate in the purchasing program, along with NEPPA associate and corporate members.

Attendees at NEPPA's Annual Conference in August will hear more about the use of AEDs in the workplace from representatives of Life Support

Systems, who will demonstrate AED operation, and discuss issues related to workplace use, training and "good Samaritan" legal protections. Pricing and detailed purchasing information will be made available to all NEPPA members in August. Please watch your mail and check the NEPPA web site.

Member Appreciation Golf outing held



John Raitt of Altec sinks a putt during the putting contest while Sheila Boone of NEPPA and Chris Jordan from Select Energy look on. Raitt was one of six golfers who participated in a putting playoff.



NEPPA held its fourth Annual Member Appreciation Golf Tournament on July 14. This tournament, which is now a regular summer event on the NEPPA calendar, is our way of saying "thanks" to the many associate and corporate members of the Northeast Public Power Association whose support and contributions have been an important part of NEPPA's success for 38 years. The event raised over \$1,000 for the New England Public Power Benevolent Fund, which has been established to aid public power employees or their families who are facing financial difficulties due to disabling accidents, extended illness, or tragic loss of life.

Three teams tied for first place with a score of 58. After a card off, the results were as follows:

First Place: Savas Danos, Littleton Electric Light, Mike Minkos, MMWEC, Bob Jolly, Marblehead Municipal Light, and Jerry Skelton, Templeton Municipal Light.

Second Place Jack Collins, John Morley, Robert Reynolds and Brian Quad, all representing VPPSA.

Third Place: Barry McGlew, Jim Hadeka and Byron Brandes of WESCO, and Anthony Cinelli of First Line Sales.



First Place winners of the tournament are Bob Jolly, Marblehead Municipal Light; Savas Danos, Littleton Electric Light; Mike Minkos, MMWEC; and Jerry Skelton, Templeton Municipal Light.

Around New England

Pascoag Utility District receives grant to find new water

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded a \$500,000 grant to the Pascoag Utility District to develop a new source of drinkable water. A gasoline additive contaminated Pascoag's water two years ago and the District has had to rely on neighboring Harrisville for clean water while they attempt to clean up the fouled water supply.

The USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance grant is the largest grant the district has ever applied for. It is intended to cover the cost of a new pump station, transmission line and other infrastructure needed to determine if the pro-

posed site is a viable source of clean water.

"Getting this grant was truly a team effort," said Pascoag Utility District General Manager Ted Garille. "Now we're drilling on the property on a bigger scale with a more powerful drilling rig."

The grant comes on the heels of two \$1 million grants from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to clean up the contamination caused by gas leakage into the water supply. The district is the only utility to receive two grants from the agency for this purpose.

Norwich participates in Day of Caring 2003



Norwich Public Utilities employees recently participated in a *Day of Caring*. The United Way recruited groups of volunteers from local companies to donate time to assist a United Way funded agency. By spending time at an agency volunteers can see first hand how their dollars work as well as providing needed assistance.

NPU employees helped to prepare and deliver meals for *A Movable Feast*, an agency that provides a complete meal to individuals who are incapacitated due to chronic illness. Last year NPU employees contributed over \$14,000 to the United Way.

Templeton opens new facility

Templeton Municipal Light and Water Plant opened its new \$1.9 million facility early in July. The complex houses both the water and electric departments of the town that serves just over 3,000 electric meters. A 60-foot-by-120-foot garage houses vehicles for both water and light operations. Besides offices, the rest of the complex includes boiler and storage rooms, a secure room to store all records of the department, a room for meter test-

ing and repair, lockers for all employees, break rooms for office personnel and for linemen and Water Department workers.

"The interest rate on the bonds to build the complex came in at 3.4 percent," said Light and Water Department Manager Gerald Skelton. "This will be a great saving on the project. With rates like this, it's a good time to build town facilities."

Keeping the lights on

Get to know the line crews that contribute to the high level of reliability and service public power is known for.



Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant line crew: standing, Bruce Brackett and Don Bisbee and kneeling, Jeremy Holmes and Butch Morrissey



Chester Municipal Light Plant line crew, Jim Hanson, Alan Noel, and Frank Robertson.

Photos by Bob Henriksen

Employment

Employment advertising in News Line is \$30 with a maximum of 50 words or is free to NEPPA members. Deadline for the next issue is August 22.

Burlington Electric Department Lineworker First Class A

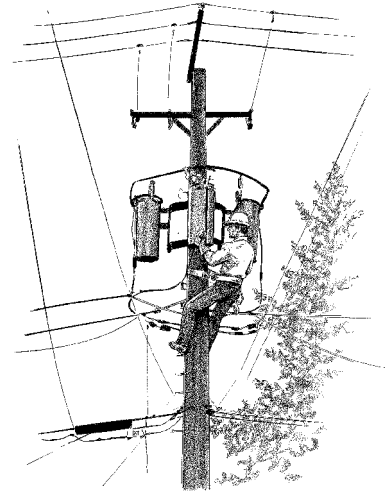
Burlington Electric Department is now accepting applications for a Lineworker First Class A. The position is full time (40 hours), offers a competitive salary, sign-on bonus, 14 paid holidays, 3 personal days, comp time, paid on-call benefit, medical & dental coverage, defined benefits pension plan, flex/DCAP, bonus paid for unused sick time, qualified degree program, and uniforms are provided. It also provides an excellent work environment.

For further information and to obtain an employment application, log onto www.hrjobs.ci.burlington.vt.us

Learn more about Burlington Electric Department at www.burlingtonelectric.com.

Women, Minorities and persons with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.

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[**www.neppa.org**](http://www.neppa.org)

You will find the answers to many of your questions as well as a calendar of scheduled public power events, and a whole lot more.

Committee Meetings

August 19

Board of Directors

7 a.m

Mystic Marriott Hotel & SPA
Groton, Conn.

Upcoming Events

August 17 – 20

Annual Conference

Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
Groton, Conn.

September 6

Lineworkers' Rodeo

Burlington, Vt.

Fall Session, October 3

Supervisory Skills

Radisson Hotel
Marlborough, Mass.

October 3

Administrative Assistants Conference

Holiday Inn
Taunton, Mass.

Fall Session, October 8-10

Public Utility Management Program

New England Center
Durham, N.H.

October 23

Image Recovery

Shrewsbury's Electric Light
Shrewsbury, Mass.

December 12

Annual Membership Meeting

Sterling Country Club
Sterling, Mass.



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