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WAKE FOREST POWER EARNS SAFETY AWARD

WAKE FOREST, NC – September 27, 2011 – Wake Forest Power was presented a No Lost Time Accident award from ElectriCities of North Carolina on Sept. 13. The award recognizes the department for achieving a perfect record of no lost work day accidents during 2010. It was the seventh straight year the Town has achieved a perfect safety record.

“ElectriCities is proud of Wake Forest Power for achieving this recognition,” said Jim Shill, representing ElectriCities. “Electric power line work can be very hazardous when working in and around high voltage energized conductors. Wake Forest Power is always ready to meet the challenge.”



The National Safety Council has reported that every lost-day work injury costs an average of \$28,000. Achieving an entire year of no lost-day work injuries can positively affect worker’s compensation insurance rates. While the financial impact is important, the real reward of an effective safety program is that employees are able to work in a safe environment and return home to enjoy life with their families.

“A good safety program involves the effort of everyone, including the mayor and town council, as they have broad authority over providing proper equipment and ongoing safety training,” Shill continued. “This award is also a credit to supervisors and workers, demonstrating that they can work as a team and look out for each other. Safety first really does pay both financial rewards and in human value.”

A division of the Town of Wake Forest, Wake Forest Power supplies electricity to approximately 5,000 residential and 1,300 commercial customers. A public power community since 1909, Wake Forest is one of 32 members of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA). For more information about Wake Forest Power, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/wakeforestpower.aspx.

Pictured (*left to right*):

Top row: Ed Denton, Lonnie Mahoney

Middle row: Anthony Thornburg, Chad Champion, David Elliott, Betty Pearce, Marshall Bean

Front row: Chris Terrell, Allen Hall, Jeremy Vago, Jeremiah Swann, Tim Blomberg, William Wester, Tony Brogden

Kneeling: John Thrift

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