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WAKE FOREST POWER LINEMEN PERFORM WELL AT 2012 NCAMES LINEMAN'S RODEO

WAKE FOREST, NC – May 29, 2012 – Four Wake Forest Power linemen participated in the 15th Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES) Lineman's Rodeo on May 24 in Boone, NC.

Scott Abbott, Skeet Wester, and Jason Shambley competed against 26 other linemen in the Journeyman division. Abbott came in second overall, while Wester and Shambley finished eighth and 27th respectively. Abbott's second place overall finish qualifies him to participate in the national competition in Florida next year.

Hugo Mier competed in the Apprentice division where he finished third overall out of 14 competitors.

A qualified Journeyman has more than five years of experience in line work. A qualified Apprentice has less than five years of line work experience.



The rodeo is an opportunity for public power linemen in North Carolina to put their skills to the test and compete against their peers in several job-related categories. Each contestant is scored on safety procedures, work practices, equipment handling, neatness, and timely completion of the event. The linemen rely on their daily work practices to excel in these events.

The purpose of the NCAMES organization is to promote the interest and welfare of Municipal Electric Systems of the state of North Carolina; to assist these systems in the advancement in the design, construction, maintenance, administration, and operation of

these systems; to develop improvements in safety and training; to encourage closer relationships between these systems; to encourage the adherence of municipal electrical supervisors to a higher professional standard; and to offer an opportunity to discuss and exchange information , ideas and experiences and through these purposes to encourage and promote municipal electrical service.

For more information, contact Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Barton at (919) 435-9571 or mbarton@wakeforestnc.gov.

Photo (pictured left to right): Skeet Wester, Scott Abbott, Jason Shambley, and Hugo Mier

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