

Team Topics - May 2022

SAFETY - May is Electrical Safety Month



It's the time of year that we raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards. According to Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), an estimated 35,000 home fires, over 1,130 injuries, 500 deaths, and \$1.4 billion in property damage occurs each year as a result of electrical malfunctions.

- Check electric cords for fraying or cracking. Replace cords that may be damaged, and don't overload electric outlets.
- Remember extension cords are intended to be temporary; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Make sure your outlet isn't being overloaded with too many devices and appliances using adapters and extension cords. Additionally, only one heat-producing device should be plugged into an outlet at a time (coffee maker, hair dryer, etc.), and refrigerators, ovens, laundry machines and other major appliances should be plugged straight into the wall.
- Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.
- Keep electric appliances and tools away from water. Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water; instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- Never put anything other than an electrical plug in an outlet. Use outlet covers or caps to protect children.
- Keep your home's electrical system in good repair. Contact a licensed electrical contractor if you have flickering lights, sparks, non-functioning outlets, or need wiring repairs or upgrades.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE - Quarterly MVPs

Each receive a polo shirt, lunch with the City Manager & City Council recognition.

Robbie Baird (PD), Isaac Walden & Garrett Cairnes (WS) - While on patrol, Officer Baird saw Isaac & Garrett speaking to a man in an electric wheelchair. The battery in the wheelchair had died and left the elderly gentleman stranded. Officer Baird provided the gentleman a ride home while Isaac & Garrett loaded the wheelchair in the back of their City truck and drove it back to his house. Once there, they carried it inside so it could be recharged.

James Clugh, Evan Doughty, Montana Riley (WS) - A citizen contacted the City about how these employees helped her 86-year-old father. He walked down to their job site on Huff Street and they talked with him, explaining the extent of the project. They returned to work and as the gentleman started walking back home, he fell. James, Evan and Montana shut down their equipment, secured the job site, closed the road, and went to aid the man. He was not hurt but they held on to him and escorted him to his front door.

Bo Stepp, Kevin Albertson, Brandon Smith, Damian Bingham, Brandon Taylor, Hunter Wright, Andrew Jones (WS) - A contractor hit a water main downtown. Instead of shutting off the main, which would affect Main Street businesses, the decision was made to fix it under pressure, a more difficult method but would not interrupt service to customers.

