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THREE NIPSCO EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS

Fourth Employee Inducted Into Midwest Energy Association Hall of Fame

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Three employees of Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) were recognized by the Midwest Energy Association (MEA) for their life-saving efforts and a fourth was inducted into the association’s “Hall of Fame” at its annual meeting last week in Ames, Iowa.

The employees, linemen Paul Byrnes and Steve Gergely, and gas serviceman Scott Olds, received the association’s “Life Sustaining Action Award” for courageous acts that resulted in saving two lives, one of whom was a fellow employee and the other a 12-month-old baby. NIPSCO substation operations manager Bob Roach was inducted into the MEA’s “Hall of Fame.”

Scott Olds to the Rescue

On April 13, 2005, Olds had just put away his tools after safely repairing a customer’s furnace in the basement when he heard the customer screaming for someone to help her choking 12-month-old daughter. Olds sprang into action and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the baby.

“I didn’t think about what I was going to do because my instincts took over and all I wanted to do was help this little girl,” said Olds. “I grabbed the baby from her mother, performed the Heimlich, and I knew everything was going to be okay when the object dislodged and she started to cry.” Olds works out of NIPSCO’s Plymouth district.

Helping Hands

During the morning of Nov. 3, 2004, electric linemen Paul Byrnes and Steve Gergely came to the rescue of a fellow employee, who suffered a heart attack prior to the start of his shift. Brynes and Gergely worked together to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) until paramedics arrived.

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Medical personnel stated that Paul and Steve's delivery of CPR had greatly improved the employee's chances of survival. The employee is continuing to recover from the incident. Byrnes works out of NIPSCO's Gary Operations and Gergely works out of NIPSCO's Crown Point Operations.

Olds, Gergely and Byrnes noted that the First Aid and CPR safety training they received at NIPSCO assisted them in performing in these emergency actions. NIPSCO places a special emphasis on safety training among its service crews.

Roach Enters Hall of Fame

Also during the MEA's annual conference, NIPSCO substation operations manager Bob Roach was inducted into the association's "Hall of Fame." Roach is only the third NIPSCO employee to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which recognizes members for their significant contribution and involvement in the MEA.

Roach was instrumental in developing the MEA's electric division, which was founded six years ago. He also served as chairman of the Substation Committee and continues to provide support for further advancement of the electric division. Roach works out of NIPSCO Plymouth district has been with the company for 35 years.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.

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