

# SPD Newsletter

LIGHTING THE WAY

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## Ready Yourself For Summer Outages

Summer is already in full swing and we have seen severe weather impact our customers in recent weeks. High winds on May 16th did not result in large-scale outages, but damages were seen in the form of fallen tree limbs and overturned pivot systems.

It is always best to be prepared year-round for power outages, and to make yourself aware of weather conditions, which can rapidly change in the spring and summer seasons.

We urge you to remember in the aftermath of storms, to use extreme caution when venturing outdoors after severe storms. If you see a power line on the ground, always assume that line to be energized. Call us immediately if you encounter a fallen line, and urge bystanders to keep at a safe distance.

If you experience a power outage, we remind you that you must report that outage with a telephone call. Linemen cannot be dispatched to restore your power if you contact us with a social media post or a tweet. Those sources are intended for us to broadcast information TO YOU, so we encourage you to "Like" or "Follow us on Facebook or Twitter!

## Moving An Oversized Structure? Notifying SPD is MANDATORY!

If you need to transport an oversized load, such as a building, pivot or other large structure, there is one important detail that must not be overlooked, and that is PLANNING AHEAD! There are very important requirements to consider and complete prior to such a dangerous task.

In 2016, the Nebraska State Legislature passed LB 973. This bill states that any person transporting loads more than 16 feet high or wider than the roadway who fails to notify the local electric utility responsible for the infrastructure along the route is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. The person(s) transporting the load is not authorized to move or manipulate overhead high voltage lines or conductors and related components.

We know you are busy, and the requirements of this law probably seem like a hassle. But when you stop and consider the dangers these structures can cause when transport occurs near power lines, the necessity for communication with power districts is clear.

If you are preparing to move a structure that is 16 feet tall, or higher, you MUST contact ALL the affected utilities in writing ten days prior to your scheduled transport. Additionally, the written acknowledgment from each affected utility must be carried with the transporter as the load is moved through the area.

In addition to fines imposed for violating this law, there may be further fines imposed for the manipulation of utility infrastructure, or for losses incurred if the transport results in damages to utility structures.

If you plan to transport a load that is oversized, and will be traveling through Southern Public Power District's region, you must fill out the **OVERSIZED LOAD PROOF OF NOTIFICATION FORM** located on our website. The form must be received by our Engineering/Operations Department 10 days prior to your move.

If you have additional questions, please contact any local service center.

**Southern Public Power District**  
**SPD**  
OVERSIZED LOAD PROOF OF NOTIFICATION  
Southern Public Power District  
4550 West Mucker Highway, PO Box 1857, Grand Island, NE 68802  
308-284-2390, email: operations@southernppd.net

This section to be filled out by Mover, and submitted in person, by mail or email.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Sub #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Contact Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Move (Must be at least 10 days after the initial contact): \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Move: \_\_\_\_\_

**Load Description**  
Show all measurements in feet/inches, i.e. 12 feet, 6 inches is shown as 12.5  
Object to be moved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Width: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of load and transport vehicle combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height of object as loaded, measure from ground to highest point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed route description (attach map): \_\_\_\_\_

**Warning:** The Mover is not authorized to manipulate Southern PPD lines or other infrastructure. Only Southern PPD staff are authorized to raise or lower power lines or remove other Southern PPD property to accommodate the oversized load.  
A map of Nebraska electric utility boundaries is maintained at <http://nrbp.gisworkshop.com/>

The section below to be filled out by Southern PPD

Date notification received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved route description (map attached): \_\_\_\_\_  
Load requires an escort by Southern PPD: \_\_\_\_\_ Load does not require an escort  
Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ by Southern PPD representative

Additional requirements/instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Warning:** Approved route map will bear the signatures of Southern PPD representative and must be attached to this document.

**Required by state law.  
No exceptions!**

# New Feature: Sights & Experiences

## Martin Brothers Historic Memorial

Located south of the Alda I-80 Exit at the intersection of South Alda Road and Platte River Drive, the Martin Brothers Memorial tells a chilling story of an incident experienced by the George Martin Family in August of 1864, about 800 feet from the historical marker site.

The general Indian uprising of 1864 centering in the Platte Valley resulted in loss of life and property among early settlers. At the site of the Martin Historical marker, on a day in August, 1864, George Martin, an ex-English jockey who had come to Hall County in 1862, and his two young sons, Nathaniel and Robert, were loading hay in a field near their home-stead. Suddenly they were attacked by a small band of Sioux Indians.

While the father attempted to ward off the attackers from the wagon with his repeating rifle, the boys jumped on their mare and, riding double, started for home.

Pursued by the Sioux, the brothers became targets for numerous arrows, one of which passed through Nathaniel's body and lodged in Robert's back. Pinned together by a single arrow, the boys tumbled from their horse. The boys were left for dead, but survived.

SOURCE: Nebraska State Historical Society



## ABOUT THIS FEATURE

*Throughout Southern's seven-county service region, there are so many awesome places to see and markers of historical events that have occurred here in the past.*

*Each month, we will feature a different landmark, park, historical marker, and other features that are scattered throughout our seven counties. We hope you will enjoy this feature, and perhaps learn something new about our local history and attractions!*

## Operation ROUND UP Accepting Grant Applications

The Operation ROUND UP Program is now accepting applications for the Second Quarter of 2017. Since its inception two years ago, the program has provided funding for some great community projects such as park playgrounds, camping facilities, safety equipment for local volunteer fire departments, and upgrades for community centers.

We remind applicants to review the guidelines listed on our website at [www.southernpd.com/roundup](http://www.southernpd.com/roundup). Here you will also find an application form to submit your community's application. The deadline for receipt of applications for the second quarter is June 30th, 2017. Each application is reviewed by a seven-member board of directors, who is charged with the task of weighing applications against the program guidelines. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact LeAnne Doose at SPD.

PHOTOS: Official check presentations were made in May to the Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Department and Minden Tech Club. The applicants were awarded funds, respectively, for gas monitors and for construction of heavy-duty transportable picnic tables for the community.



# Hotline Demonstrations: Safety Presentations Tailored for Any Group!

Hotline Demonstrations are a popular tool we use at SPD to educate a wide variety of audiences on power line safety. The demonstration trailer allows our linemen to show firsthand how dangerous power lines can be. The best part, these demonstrations can be tailored in order to meet the needs of a particular audience.

Our linemen have educated school-aged children, families at county fairs and people who are employed in outdoor occupations that work in close proximity to power lines.

If you are interested in hosting a Hotline Trailer Demonstration as an employer, for a group or other event in your community, please contact LeAnne Doose at 800-579-3019.



## Heat Pump Incentives

Your heating and cooling system is likely the largest user of energy in your home. If you choose to upgrade your heating/cooling system to an energy efficient heat pump, we have some incentives available for you. As an SPD customer, you are eligible for BOTH the EnergyWise and SPD Incentives outlined in the chart below.

Once you decide to take the step to improve your home's efficiency with a heat pump, you will be required to have a performance verification completed in order to qualify for your incentive. This will assure that your heat pump is operating properly and assure the energy savings you deserve.



SYSTEM TYPE	CRITERIA	RECIPIENT	ENERGYWISE INCENTIVE	SPD INCENTIVE
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	15 SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	HOME OWNER	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$100</b>
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	16-18 SEER, 12.5 EER 8.5 HSPF	HOME OWNER	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$200</b>
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	18+ SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	HOME OWNER	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$300</b>
GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP 1 or 2 Stage	ANY EER	HOME OWNER	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$600</b>
VARIABLE CAPACITY GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP	35 EER, 5.0 COP	HOME OWNER	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$600</b>
ALL HEAT PUMPS	PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION WITH-IN 10%**	HEATING/ COOLING CONTRACTOR	<b>\$50</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Don't Forget A Tune-Up For Your Cooling System!

As a Southern customer you are also eligible to apply for a Cooling System Tune-Up Incentive. This incentive is available once every three years, and offers a \$30 EnergyWise incentives to home owners who hire a qualified HVAC dealer to complete the tune-up.

To learn more log on to our website:

[www.southernspd.com](http://www.southernspd.com)



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**Welcome to Our Newest Employees**

Three new employees have recently joined the team at SPD! Dylan Haas, Tyler Fuelberth and Karson Sok began their careers with us in May, all as Utility Lineworkers.

Haas will be working for customers in our Hastings Service Center, while Fuelberth and Sok provide service on our District-wide Construction Crew, which is based in Grand Island.



HAAS



FUELBERTH



SOK

**Scholarship Winners Recognized in May**

The 2017 Utility Lineworker Scholarship winners were acknowledged by Southern's Board of Directors in May. Pictured with three of the recipients is Board Chairman Larry Benson, alongside Jacob Kubicka, Devin Nissen and Cody Barbee. Owen Grube also received a scholarship but was unable to attend the presentation.

Congratulations to these men, and we wish you the best as you pursue your chosen careers.



**Online Account Access via SmartHub**

SmartHub is a customer self-serve solution that allows you to manage your SPD accounts with mobile and web apps in a secure environment. With this app you can easily view your billing, usage and payment history, pay your bill, submit your meter reading and all in a paperless format. Sign up from our website at [www.southernpd.com](http://www.southernpd.com).



**FIESTA CORN CHIP SALAD**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 (15-oz.) cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 1/2 C. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 C. chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 C. chopped green onion
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 1 (10.5-oz.) bag coarsely crushed chili cheese corn chips
- Salt and pepper, to taste

**PREPARATION:**

1. In a large bowl, toss together corn, cheese, red pepper and green onion. Stir in sour cream and mayonnaise.
2. Stir in corn chips just before serving. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.