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STATEWIDE COMPETITION TO TEST LIFESAVING SKILLS OF ENERGYUNITED EMPLOYEE

STATESVILLE, N.C. –

Austin Story, a lineman at EnergyUnited will join 24 other electric cooperative line workers from across the state on the morning of Tuesday, September 27 at the Pole Top Rescue competition in Raleigh, NC. This competition pits line workers against the clock and each other as they demonstrate essential lifesaving skills, as well as the technique and safety knowledge required to maintain the lines that provide power to electric cooperative members every day. Each competitor had to win a local competition in order to advance to the championship in Raleigh, NC. Austin also represented EnergyUnited at the statewide competition in 2014, which earned him sixth place.

At the Pole Top Rescue competition, a line worker must perform in a scenario which finds a fellow worker unconscious atop a utility pole. The competitor, dressed in full climbing gear, must radio for help, scale 20-feet up a utility pole, rig a rope, lower a 105-pound mannequin and begin CPR. Previous winners have completed the competition in less than two minutes. The scenario used at the Pole Top Rescue Competition is the same scenario all North Carolina electric cooperative line workers must perform in less than five minutes in order to maintain their certification to work on co-op lines.

If you'd like to see how Austin performs at this year's competition, follow along live on Twitter [@NCElectriccoop](https://twitter.com/NCElectriccoop) using #ncpoletop. The event kicks off at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27 and will conclude by 1:00 p.m. Austin will compete at the 9:20 a.m. time slot.

About EnergyUnited EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 105,000 consumer-members through 124,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.