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Guam Power Authority Celebrates National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18

GPA honors its linemen for their vital role in keeping the community safe and connected

(Fadian, Guam) April 18 is National Lineman Appreciation Day, and the Guam Power Authority invites the community to join them in recognizing the essential role that GPA Linemen play in Guam's safety and connectivity.

In 2013, the U.S. Senate designated April 18 as National Lineman Appreciation Day, and each year, lineworkers are honored for their vital role in keeping electricity flowing nationwide. Each year, GPA joins the celebration to express its gratitude to the hardworking electric lineworkers who work to keep Guam powered.

GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, PE, stated, "Our linemen truly deserve this special day of recognition. Every day of the year, they work around the clock to perform tasks under hazardous conditions to keep our community connected."

GM Benavente added, "Our linemen are first to respond to reports of outages or downed power lines. They head out after storms or during emergencies to assess the safety of an area for other responders, repair damaged lines, and restore power connections. Their goal is to maintain the energy infrastructure of Guam and keep electricity flowing into villages, homes, schools, and businesses while keeping themselves and the community safe."

Edward R. Leon Guerrero, Assistant Manager of Transmission and Distribution, who has worked for GPA for 28 years shared that GPA linemen do not have typical days on the job. He said, "On any given day, we can respond to reports of downed lines due to weather-related issues, emergencies, or accidents that affected the power lines, new service connections, or maintenance work to trim trees and branches that can potentially damage lines if they fall."

GPA linemen work under dangerous conditions, working on lines powered by thousands of volts of electricity high above the ground, which is why safety is of utmost priority for GPA. According to Leon Guerrero, "every day we respond, we look out for each other and keep each other safe so we can all return to our families at the end of our shifts."

Kyle D. Siguenza, Line Electrician Leader, Overhead, Transmission and Distribution, started with GPA in 2012 as a Lineman Installer/Repairer Apprentice. Over the years, he said that some of the most fulfilling work has been taking care of customers through new service connections, responding to outage calls in the villages, educating residents about line safety, and teaching the island's schoolchildren about electricity and the work they do.

Siguenza said, “We want our customers to know that their connectivity is important to us, and we work as swiftly and safely as possible to get them connected. When you see us working in your village, be sure to proceed with caution and say hello to your GPA crew. We are proud of the work that we do for them and our island.”

Join GPA in thanking the lineworkers for their dedicated service and in celebration of National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18. Use the hashtag #ThankALineman on social media to show your support for the men and women who help keep Guam connected.

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