

## Safety Training Pays Off

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On April 11, 2006 a tragic accident occurred when a Tampa Electric Crew was preparing to set a concrete transmission pole and there was a primary contact with the crane.

When the crane came in contact with the primary it burnt the energized line down.

Brother Robert Galloway, a new apprentice lineman was working the line truck making up material for the pole when the energized line landed on the line truck.

After the breaker locked out the circuit, Brother Casey B. McClellan and Brother Curtis Highsmith III removed Brother Galloway from the line truck and immediately checked for a pulse and signs of respiration. Brother Galloway was not breathing, so Brother McClellan started CPR while Brother Highsmith connected the AED. After giving Brother Galloway a breath he began showing signs of breathing. No shock was needed.

Brothers Thomas Fitzpatrick and Raymond Mullis attended to Brother Galloway's burns by removing smoldering clothing and applying cool cloths and burn gels to the impacted areas.

Due to the immediate response of Brothers McClellan, Highsmith, Fitzpatrick, and Mullis and the numerous others involved, we have living proof of the importance and effectiveness of our safety training. Brother Galloway is expected to recover.

The IBEW sent Brothers Thomas Fitzpatrick, Curtis Highsmith, III, Casey B. McClellan and Raymond Mullis the honored Life Saving Award.

Doug Bowden, P.S.

(The attached photo should be labeled as: L-R: Raymond Mullis, Curtis Highsmith,  
Candy Galloway, Robert Galloway, Casey McClellan)