

Presentation

Staff Recommendation – *Recognize Ocala Electric Utility employees for their contributions in providing mutual aid to Morgan City and Houma, Louisiana, as well as to Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, following the impact of Hurricanes Francine, and Helene.*

Additional Detail

Hurricane Francine – Wednesday, September 11 – Saturday, September 14

- Hurricane Francine caused major damage as it made landfall the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 11 with 100 mph winds, knocking out power to more than 400,000 customers throughout Louisiana at the storm's peak.
- Both Morgan City and Houma, LA suffered extensive outages because of significant damage to both transmission and distribution systems.
- OEU crews assisted the public power Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in Houma, Louisiana.
 - Ryan Preston – Apprentice Lineman
 - Lamar Peebles – Working Foreman
 - Kameron Matvejs – Apprentice Lineman
 - Garytt Gamble – Apprentice Lineman
 - Evan Vandeventer – Apprentice Lineman
 - Kyle Cupal – Troubleman
 - Matt Brown – Line Crew Foreman
 - Chris Rutt – Apprentice Lineman

Hurricane Helene – Friday, September 27 – Friday, October 4

- Hurricane Helene caused major damage as it made landfall in the big bend region near Perry, FL as a Category 4 storm on Friday, September 27. This event left more than 1.2 million customers without power in Florida.
- OEU crews assisted the public power Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative located primarily in Live Oak, FL.
 - Abdiel Delgado Santos – Tree Trimmer II
 - Jason Moody – Lineman
 - Ray Rains – Tree Trimming Foreman
 - Matt Brown – Line Crew Foreman
 - Kameron Matvejs – Apprentice Lineman
 - Chris Rutt – Apprentice Lineman
 - Evan Vandeventer – Apprentice Lineman
 - Hank Pearson – Lineman
 - Garytt Gamble – Apprentice Lineman
 - Kyle Cupal – Troubleman
 - Josh Earhart – Apprentice Lineman