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Brothers and Sisters,

We are concerned. We as an industry are trending down a horrible path. In just this week across the eastern seaboard there have been at least 7 contact incidents with energized power lines where people have either been killed or severely injured. Stop and think about that number. 7 just this week. This number doesn't include the countless near misses and other types of incidents that are going on. I'm asking everyone to take at least 15 minutes this morning and participate. I don't want this to be a normal weekly safety brief, I would like this to be an open discussion where we can place more emphasis and change our attitudes towards Safety. I want this to be a joint effort between the IBEW and NECA.

There is not a contractor out there that isn't concerned for your safety. There isn't a contractor out there that wants to put production over safety. All they ask is for a good hard day's work for a fair day's pay. They ask that we treat their tools and equipment with respect. Hard work combined with Safety will be the most productive way of performing our work and making all of us as IBEW workers and NECA contractors irreplaceable to our customers.

I want to challenge all of you to do a few things today and in the future:

- I want you to think about why you come to work each day and why you want to go home. That answer is why you need to make safety the most important thing.
- Identify 2 things as a crew or group that is challenging to your job and talk about how to manage that risk. I know the contractor will help get the things you need to do this.
- Identify 2 things that you individually could do better and work on it. It could be something like your driving habits or not using spotters, or how well you fill out your job briefs. Maybe it's the amount of cover up you use. Maybe it's how you treat apprentices or the quality of work you're doing. For some it's deciding to always wear your glasses and gloves and sleeves or how you treat contractor equipment. Whatever it is, commit to being better at it.
- Reflect and share at least one near miss that you have experienced and what you learned from it.

Let's all hit the reset button and refocus on safety. I believe in US and what WE are about-the best dam line-workers in the country. Work Hard-Be Professional-Stay Focused-Don't turn a blind eye to safety. **We MUST let Safety define every decision that we make so that we can go home to our families. STAY SAFE**

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