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Local Utility Lineman Receives State Wide Recognition

(Stevens Point) – Stoughton Utilities Electric System Supervisor Craig Wood has been named the 2008 Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) Outstanding Lineman of the Year at its annual Joint Superintendents Conference in Stevens Point, MEUW is a statewide trade association representing and training Wisconsin's public power utilities for more than 80 years.

Wood was nominated by Stoughton Utilities Director Bob Kardasz and Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady, who stated Craig always goes the extra mile to help get a job done. He stresses safety in everything he does and is willing to help out in the community as well. Kardasz specifically cited Wood's leadership in the 2008 MEUW Lineman's Rodeo held in Stoughton last September. Grady said Craig Wood has been instrumental in helping get the Rodeo event to be a great success.

"We are just so lucky to have Craig working with us. His vast knowledge and his enthusiasm for helping others make Stoughton Utilities an outstanding community asset. He is truly deserving of this recognition," said Kardasz and Grady.

Wood began with Stoughton Utilities when he was 19 years old, worked his way through the ranks for the past 31 years and now has been recognized by his peers with this award, which has been given annually by MEUW since 2003.

Stoughton Utilities is a publicly-owned electric system that serves more than 8,400 electric customers in southern Dane County.



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