



2018 Spring Line Superintendents Conference

Date, Time and Location: May 22-24, 2018 • Theatre 1 – Ramkota Hotel • Pierre, S.D.

Registration: Please complete the enclosed registration form and return to Mary at 605-224-4430 by May 18 or register online at www.sdrea.coop under News and Events.

Reservations: Contact the Ramkota Hotel directly by calling 605-224-6877 and asking for the Line Superintendents room block or emailing reservations@pierreramkota.com. Cut-off date is April 30 and room rate is \$84.

Tuesday, May 22

- 11 a.m. **Golf at Hillsview Golf Course** – Golf will start with registration from 11 to 11:30 a.m. playing four person best ball with tee times starting at noon. Price is \$55 for Line Superintendents and \$90 for vendors which covers golf with cart and beverages. For questions contact Scott Swenson, Ditch Witch of SD, 605-941-4144 or Chad Low, Border States, 605-951-5048
- 1 p.m. **Sporting Clays** – Willow Creek Wildlife Sporting Clays, 20628 Willow Creek Road, Ft. Pierre, SD. Sporting clays will be 50 targets for \$20. Meet at noon in the lobby of the Ramkota if you want to carpool.
- 5:30 p.m. **Vendor Hospitality/Bean Bag**

Wednesday, May 23

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 8 a.m. **Opening Announcements**
- 8:10 a.m. **SD Highway Patrol Update** – Captain John Broers, SD Highway Patrol
Captain Broers will be presenting a few changes to the DOT regulations and any new updates to the FMCSR.
- 9 a.m. **Protest Awareness** – Captain Jason Husby, SD Highway Patrol
Captain Husby is the District Two Commander for the South Dakota Highway Patrol. He has put together a training on Protester Awareness and Safety Training after the 2017 protests in Cannonball, N.D. The Highway Patrol would like to share some of the lessons learned from last year in a hopes that similar issues can be reduced or prevented in South Dakota in the future. Capt. Husby will talk about signs to look for and ways to protect the general public and also our co-op employees if protesters do gather in South Dakota.
- 10 a.m. **Break**
- 11 a.m. **Federated Update** – Steve Paulson, Safety and Loss Prevention Consultant, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange
Steve will be giving an update on current Federated programs and statistics along with answering any questions.

Wednesday, May 23, cont.

- Noon **Lunch On Your Own**
- 1 p.m. **Reasonable Suspicion Training/DOT Drug Testing** – Avera
There are specific steps that need to be followed if an employee is suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Avera will be presenting what to look for and how to handle the reasonable suspicion testing of an employee. This training will provide a certificate of completion at the end. They will also be covering the process of random DOT testing.
- 3 p.m. **Hiring the Best Fit for the Co-op** – Dan King and Jeremy Adcock, Great Lakes Energy
Dan and Jeremy have developed a program to analyze not just the skill level on potential and current linemen, but to look at the personality of these people as they relate to the existing workforce. The field performance of potential employees looks at how they handle stress and reactions to when something goes wrong. They will be presenting the program and show some of the results from how this has influenced who they hire.
- 5 p.m. **Vendor Show/Social**
- 6 p.m. **Dinner**
- ## Thursday, May 24
- 8 a.m. **Opening Announcements**
- 8:10 a.m. **SDREA Update** – Ed Anderson and Mark Patterson
- 9 a.m. **One Call Update** – Larry Janes, Executive Director, South Dakota One Call
Larry will be talking about current 811 regulations and what they are doing to work with contractors to bring more awareness to buried utilities. He will also be taking questions on current regulations during this time.
- 10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Round Table Discussion:** Stray Voltage
- 11 a.m. **Business Meeting**
- Noon **Adjourn**

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