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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, it is with great pleasure that I continue the “Getting to Know Us” theme. This month’s featured SEC employee is Anthony McKnight.

Anthony is a First Class Lineman. Our lineman system has steps similar to military

ranking, with First Class being at the top of the ranking (just below the crew leaders). Anthony started at SEC back in 2004 as a “green” man—that’s a term used among linemen to refer to someone with no prior experience. When asked what made him want to come to work for SEC, he said, “I knew a lot of the linemen here already. I was interested in line work while I was still in school.”

Anthony and his lovely bride, Cassandra, live in Kingstree. Anthony’s oldest daughter, Kemishia (28), lives in Greenville and works for TD Bank. His oldest son, Zachauris (26), also lives in Greenville and works for BMW. Nautica is 22 and enrolled at Greenville Tech where she is studying nursing. Anthony Jr. is 7 and lives with mom and dad in Kingstree where he is about to begin the 3rd grade.

Anthony was born and raised in Kingstree, and he says that’s one of the things he likes best about power restoration. “I cover the Kingstree, Greeleyville, Union, and Manning areas—usually—when we have outages, but I might end up anywhere on the system when it gets really bad. I love seeing the smiles on the members’ faces when the power is restored. I know a lot of them, and it’s a great feeling when they tell you ‘thank you’ for what you do.”

Five of SEC’s six construction crews have defined territories, but Anthony

works on the specialized underground crew. Therefore, his crew typically roams all over the system—wherever the large underground jobs may lie.

I asked Anthony what’s toughest about his job. “Bad thunderstorms and major storms.” However, he was very quick to add, “but that’s what leads to the really good part. After the work is done, and you see the new line you have rebuilt and remember how bad it looked when you started—that’s what ends up

making it a good part of the job.”

Speaking of bad storms, we were in a safety meeting one time getting ready for an incoming tropical storm, and Anthony asked me if I thought the storm would be bad. I told him I wasn’t too worried about this one but would be scared if they had named the storm “Anthony.” Since then, I have always called him Hurricane Anthony!

GETTING TO KNOW US



Anthony McKnight
 First Class Lineman

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I asked him what he likes best about Santee Electric. “I really like the family atmosphere and the outings we have together.” Finally, I asked Anthony to tell our readers one thing about himself. His response was that of a man with line work in his blood: “I’m dependable, hardworking, and someone you can count on in rough times.”

If you spot Anthony out working on a crew one day (or restoring your power one night), he’ll always be smiling. Tell him “Hello,” give him a smile and a wave, or just say, “Thanks, Hurricane!”

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