



Meet Your SEC Employee — Jonathan Stacy



Line Technician Supervisor
9 years of service
Dinwiddie Office

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Jonathan Stacy is no stranger to hard work. “My dad always says hard work pays off; that’s how I was raised.”

As a line technician supervisor in Southside Electric Cooperative’s (SEC) Dinwiddie Office, Stacy says that no two days are the same. “As a supervisor, I work with and supervise [line technician] employees. Sometimes I am on the service truck by myself. Or, one day, I could be putting in underground service to a new home or fixing a broken pole,” he explains.

“I was raised on a farm, raised poor. I starting working when I was 11 years old.” Stacy moved out of his parents’ home at age 17 and started working at Fort Pickett in Blackstone as a maintenance groundskeeper. He worked with contract crews until he joined SEC as an apprentice line technician.

After he completed the four-year apprenticeship program, he continued his education part-time. He is now taking college classes online through Bismarck State College, majoring in electric power technology. He is working towards earning his Bachelor of Arts in energy management.

Stacy recalls a time when he was called “Wobbles” at work, and it stuck. Although he does not know the origin of the nickname, it has reached beyond his coworkers to others outside of SEC.

The most rewarding part of his duties at SEC is restoring electricity when there is a hurricane or storm. He explains, “When the weather is bad, I like knowing everyone has power. Sometimes members even come and thank us. It’s a good feeling when you can turn the power back on — very rewarding. I get a good feeling like I’ve done something to help someone.”

While rewarding, sometimes restoring the power has its challenges. “For me, it can be challenging because I am short-statured and have the smallest hands at the co-op. We have to wear special gloves every day, and that can be challenging,” he explains.

But, Stacy has persevered and continues to succeed in his career. “I make it work and do my job safely.”

He and his wife Janine, a registered nurse, have two boys, Connor, 5, and Clay, who is 10 months old. “Connor has just started school and Clay is now getting into everything,” Stacy adds.

In his free time, Stacy likes to be outdoors. “I’m always outside doing something.”

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