



Ardmore Construction Supervisor with Pristine 37-Year Safety Record Receives Prestigious OG&E Safety Award

Kenny McKinzie is the recipient of the Safety Excellence Career Achievement Award



Kenny McKinzie on his first day of work at OG&E 37 years ago. McKinzie is the 2021 recipient of the Safety Excellence Career Achievement Award, which is presented annually to a member who has exemplified working and living safely throughout his or her time with OG&E.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (April 5, 2022) — Oklahoma Gas & Electric is proud to announce Kenny McKinzie as the 2021 recipient of the Safety Excellence Career Achievement Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to an employee who has exemplified working and living safely throughout his or her time with OG&E.

McKinzie, the Distribution Construction Area Supervisor, has spent his entire career at OG&E in field operations, starting as a Meter Reader in 1985. Throughout his nearly four decades at the company, McKinzie has been a constant advocate for his fellow members, consistently demonstrating managerial courage, embodying the values of OG&E, and putting the safety of his team members first.

“My safety record means everything to me,” McKinzie said. “For some, safety is a buzzword, but for us, it is our life and culture.”

In the 37 years McKinzie has worked at OG&E, he has also led over a dozen mutual assistance teams through the Midwest Mutual Assistance and Southeast Electrical Exchange, helping member utility companies in other states impacted by severe weather and other major outage events to restore power more quickly. Despite the inherent danger of working in these difficult conditions, often with 12 to 16 hour workdays, McKinzie and his teams have always returned home incident and injury free.

“I get a call from our company president Sean Trauschke every time I go out for mutual assistance, and he says, ‘bring our boys home safe.’ That is our number one priority; I must bring them home the same way I took them,” McKinzie said as he fought back tears.

To qualify for the Safety Excellence Career Achievement Award, an OG&E employee must exhibit constant commitment to the guiding beliefs and safety principles, serve as a safety role model for other employees, have worked in the company for an extended period of time, and hold an accident and incident free safety record.

“We are extremely proud of Kenny and the work he has accomplished here at OG&E,” said OGE Energy Corp. Chairman, President and CEO Sean Trauschke. “To work for nearly four decades in a field where you are faced with potential danger on a daily basis and to have a perfect safety record is highly commendable. Our crews look up to and have the utmost respect for Kenny. He leads by example and demonstrates the high level of care and attention to safety we instill in our team.”

“This job makes you stand up tall. It makes you proud of who you are and what you do,” said McKinzie. “This award means the world to me, not because of the recognition, but because it means that I have done my job well and have kept my promise to keep our crews safe.”

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