

## BARC Celebrates 1 Million Hours Without a Lost-Time Accident

Safety isn't just a priority for BARC, it's a core value.

In December 2025, BARC proudly announced a major milestone: 1 million consecutive hours without a lost-time accident. This achievement reflects the cooperative's safety culture and the daily commitment of all its employees to protect one another while serving the community and its members.

Reaching 1 million safe work hours is a significant accomplishment in the electric utility industry. BARC employees routinely work in challenging and high-risk environments. From line construction and maintenance to fiber operations and office support, every role contributed to this milestone by putting safety first.

Stewart Green, director of safety, said, "This milestone demonstrates the professionalism, teamwork and accountability our employees show every day. I couldn't be prouder of their dedication to keeping themselves and their coworkers safe."

"I've worked here for over 20 years,



and safety is our priority on every job," said Stevie Clark, general foreman. "Hitting 1 million hours without a lost-time accident doesn't happen by luck, it happens because everyone watches out for one another."

While celebrating this achievement, the cooperative remains focused on the future.

"This isn't a finish line. Safety is something we work at every single day. The same focus and teamwork that got us here is what will keep us going," said CEO Bill Buchanan. "And just as importantly, this milestone matters to the families waiting at home. Our commitment to safety helps make sure

everyone gets home the way they should — safe and healthy."

Moving forward, BARC will continue to build on this accomplishment. Staying alert, looking out for one another and speaking up when something doesn't feel right. Every task, every shift and every decision is a chance to reinforce the habits that kept BARC incident-free — and to keep raising the bar.

The focus now is consistency and continuous improvement. BARC doesn't just celebrate this milestone; it sets the standard.

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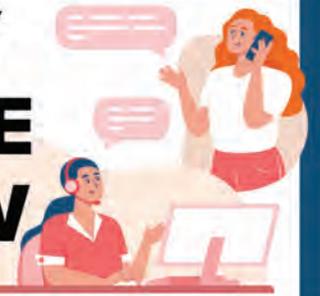
# BARC Communities

## Rick Armstrong Winners



BARC is proud to announce our 2025 Rick Armstrong Award winners: Shay McMullen and Rachel Harris. This award was created in honor of Rick Armstrong, a dedicated and long-term BARC employee, and given to two employees who consistently demonstrate the values of our cooperative in everything they do. Congratulations, Shay and Rachel!

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