

Georgia Power, other utilities celebrate specialty license plate



Thursday, October 19, 2017 – Georgia Power leadership and linemen recently joined other utility partners and guests at an event in Augusta to unveil the state of Georgia’s first specialty license plate honoring power linemen.

The new plate depicts a lineman working on a power pole silhouetted against the state of Georgia with the words “Thank a Lineman” across the bottom where a county sticker would normally be placed.

East Region Vice President Fran Forehand, East Region External Affairs Manager Jason Stott and three Georgia Power linemen, Kevin Watkins, Austin Curley and Kenyon Mack, were on hand to represent the company. Fran delivered brief remarks during the unveiling ceremony highlighting the recent work of line crews during post Hurricane Irma restoration efforts.

Proceeds from plate purchases will benefit the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation (SFBF), which provides assistance to burn patients and their families at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital in Augusta.

SFBF additionally provides a facility for patients’ families to stay at the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House, just a short distance from the burn center. The foundation provides meals and transportation to and from the hospital. Once patients are discharged, SFBF provides assistance with prescriptions, anti-scarring garments and transportation to follow-up doctor visits.

Those interested in purchasing a “Thank a Lineman” plate can visit <http://www.sfbf.net/License-Plate> when renewing their annual motor vehicle registration. For the first 1,000 plates sold, the one-time \$25 specialty plate manufacturing fee will be waived by the Motor Vehicle Division with a \$25 minimum donation to the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation.

By an act of the General Assembly and Governor Deal, \$10 of the Georgia Department of Revenue’s \$35 annual specialty tag fee for “Thank a Lineman” plates will be contributed to SFBF each year as long as the motorist renews the specialty plate.