**Lineworker Tools**

**HARD HAT:** A protective hat worn by lineworkers to protect against injury by falling objects. This hat is also different as it’s insulated to protect against electrical contact.

**INSULATED GLOVES:** Special rubber gloves worn by the lineworker, tested to 20,000 volts, that provide protection against electrocution. They are used with leather protectors to prevent tears and scuffs in the rubber.

**EQUIPMENT BELT:** A belt worn by the lineworker that has loops and clips to help carry tools they might need while doing work. The D rings on the front are where the safety strap attaches to.

**CLIMBERS:** Metal braces which attach to the feet and lower legs with straps. The climbers have a spike (gaff) on the inside of each of them that allows a lineworker to climb wooden poles.

**GAFFS:** These are what a lineworker call the metal spikes on their climbers. The gaffs sink into the wood poles as the lineworker climbs the pole.

**HANDLINE:** A rope used with the handline pulley to raise and lower tools and equipment. It also can be used in life-saving missions.

**HANDLINE PULLEY:** A pulley that is used with the handline to raise and lower tools and equipment to the lineworker on the pole.

**DITTY BAG:** A canvas bag attached to the climbing belt that holds extra parts such as bolts, nuts, wire connectors and other small items.

**BUCK SQUEEZE:** A heavy, durable strap that hooks to the D rings on the equipment belt. This strap goes around the pole and supports the lineworker so he can have his hands “free” to do the necessary work.

**TOOL POUCH:** A leather attachment with many pouches to securely hold an assortment of tools such as wrenches, pliers and screwdrivers.

**LINWORKER BOOTS:** Heavy leather boots designed to help support a lineworker when using their climbers to climb a pole. They have a steel shank in the soles that can be up to 16” tall for extra support and protection.