

Davey Resource Group GPS Project Update

Back in January, Southeastern Electric hired an independent contractor, the Davey Resource Group (DRG), to begin a GPS inventory of all SEC infrastructure-the first steps that will lead the way to our new Outage Management Systems (OMS), Computer Aided Dispatch, Field Automation as well as Mobile Workforce Management.

Currently, jobs that are in the system for maintenance, repairs, new construction, are all accomplished by printing out what is called a "Service Order." This new system will replace the paper Service Orders with a newer, much faster electronic method. This is a huge step for SEC in system management and maintenance.



The "pilot" project began February 19th and was expected to take approximately 90 days to complete the first phase. The East Circuit of the Yuba Substation was where the DRG team started. It included the areas of Yuba, Utica and south of Utica as well as Albany and westward. Once the East Circuit of the Yuba Substation was finished, the crews headed towards the West Circuit.

DRG will continue to map and collect data in the field for reclos-

ers, cut-outs, fuses, poles, and anything else that has to do with SEC's electric infrastructure to determine the presence and location of specified electric distribution equipment in SEC's territory. This information is being recorded in electronic notebooks and uploaded to SEC's Geographical Information System.

The DRG crews are wearing clearly identifiable bright yellow vests with DAVEY on the back along with hard hats. They are also required to carry appropriate identification at all times. They drive white trucks with the DAVEY logo on the side, a magnetic Southeastern Electric decal is visible during the normal work hours of 8a.m.-5p.m. The vehicles are also equipped with strobe lights. You may see them operate clearly marked Honda ATVs as well which have signs



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on the front with Southeastern Electric's logo visible. DRG has a track record of successfully performing this type of work without any safety incidences all over the nation.



When DRG is finished, all of SEC's service territory will be GPS mapped and our systems will be much more technologically advanced than ever before. There are approximately 50,000 poles

serving SEC Members at this time. The extensive project to map SEC's entire system was expected to be completed anywhere from 12-18 months-and currently everything remains on track.

Currently, the DRG teams are finishing up on the Yuba West Circuit and will proceed to the areas on the Colbert Substation. Progress is expected to speed up due to extra crew members being added to the survey teams.

Should you have any questions please contact us at 580-924-2170. To learn more about Davey Resource Group, please visit www.davey.com. ***

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