

Attention Homeowners! Time is Running Out

The current C&RD rebate program will
end **September 30, 2006.**

This means all of our rebates will end, so if you have
been planning to take advantage of these savings,
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Line Crews to the Rescue

By *Brandi Meech*

The pole-top rescue contest and climbing recertification in White Salmon for KPUD's line crews was August 18. Although only three teams competed in the contest, all line crews were required to make the climb for recertification and to rescue "Joe," the helpless dummy with nice boots!

The three teams in the pole-top rescue contest consisted of Martin Taylor and Lake Howard, Rob Rising and Bernie Predeek, and Rob Marlow and Ed Lexa.

The object of the contest was for one of the men to climb the pole and rescue a "dummy" injured on the job. The dummy fondly referred to as Joe by the crew, was then lowered down the pole to the second man waiting on the ground to secure him and start first aid and CPR.

The teams were graded on communication skills and the ability to

assess the situation, locate the problem and contain it. They were also graded on the time it took to secure "Joe" safely to the ground.

Each scenario was different, but the objective remained the same—get up there and rescue Joe.

The winning team was Rob Rising and Bernie Predeek. Although they didn't have the fastest time, their overall performance won the competition and would normally win them a place at the Governor's Safety Conference in September.

Bernie said the competition was good practice for the crewmembers because "it's as close to a real-life situation" as a person can get without having to do the real thing. It gets your adrenaline pumping, and provides an opportunity to work on communication and CPR skills.

The competition concluded after all line crews had completed the climb, rescued Joe and successfully completed the CPR exercise.



Klickitat PUD Lineman Rob Rising rescues "Joe" the dummy during the line crew competition.