

OUTAGE SURVIVAL COMMUNICATIONS

I. OBJECTIVE

To maintain an effective program of education and assistance for members of GVEA ensuring the awareness that members need to be prepared for extended power outages and are provided with information on how to be prepared.

II. POLICY

- A. GVEA will maintain an active program throughout the year, which provides members with information on the need to be prepared for extended power outages.
- B. GVEA will provide, on an ongoing basis, information on the steps that members should take to be prepared to survive for extended periods without electric power.
- C. Multi-media communications will be utilized to achieve the objective of this policy including, where applicable, newspapers, radio, television, *Ruralite*, bill-stuffers, the member handbook, electronic, social media and other handouts.
- D. As required by the Emergency Restoration Plan, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Office of Emergency Management will be contacted annually by the Safety Officer to ensure that power outages are adequately included in their emergency plans.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The President & CEO will be responsible for the planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring of programs to meet the objectives of this policy.
- B. The President & CEO will be responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.
- C. The Safety Officer will contact the Fairbanks North Star Borough Office of Emergency Management annually to ensure that power outages are adequately included in their emergency plans.

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