

Safety First: O'Connell Electric Co. Highlights Safety at Fifth Annual Safety Picnic

It was about more than a barbecue lunch during O'Connell Electric Company's Fifth Annual Safety Picnic on July 27. Instead, there was an emphasis on how to keep its employees' family and friends, clients and vendors safe.

About 800 attended the event, which was held at the Pinnacle Athletic Campus. It not only featured food and fun, but also safety demonstrations from Admar Supply, DeWalt, DiVal Safety Equipment, Hilti, Klein Tools and Vertex Solutions. It also featured Blue Collar Workwear's shoe truck, for employees to purchase new boots.

The Safety Picnic came to be after a company safety meeting in 2013, when someone had suggested creating a tradeshow-style safety event, combined with a picnic.

Over the last four years, the picnic had been twice a year – once in Rochester and again in Syracuse, New York – but this year, the entire company was brought together for a large picnic.

"The picnic is designed to bring all our employees together for a day solely dedicated to being a safer company," said Project Coordinator Colleen Mayfield of O'Connell Electric Company. "Our picnics have been a resounding success, and the new location was very well received."

During the event, O'Connell Electric Company also awarded electricians Bret Rose and Tom Murphy with safety awards for going above and beyond O'Connell's core values of safety, and Power Group Safety Manager Mark Valerio with a safety leadership award.

It also featured presentations from employee speakers who had been hurt during work accidents due to unsafe conditions, and a Stretch & Flex session with all participants. The Stretch & Flex sessions were developed after O'Connell Electric Company partnered with Lattimore Physical Therapy to develop a stretching program last year.

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Employees from O'Connell Electric Company gathered for their annual Safety Picnic on July 27.



More than 800 attended a safety picnic hosted by O'Connell Electric Co.