



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mid South... Focused On Safety**

For the second 3 year evaluation period in a row, Mid South Synergy has achieved National Safety Accreditation, an honor that reflects our commitment to safety every day. Mid South received an overall score of 97% in the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP) administered through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

RESAP, is a peer-review safety and loss control evaluation of electric utilities. It is an organized analysis of a system's safety and loss control program that measures overall effectiveness.

RESAP, which falls under the Education, Research, and Technology Committee of NRECA, is overseen by a group of delegates, including representatives from the National Utility Training and Safety Education Association, NRECA, the insurance industry, and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

RESAP delegates are assisted in the accreditation process by 35 area administrators who administer the program locally and oversee field observations. The area administrators assist and coach the electric systems in the preparation of their safety accreditation applications.

“Providing the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to our members is our top priority”, says Kerry Kelton, Mid South’s general manager. “We want our members and community to know that Mid South is a great place to work and we are committed to keeping our employees safe each and everyday.” “Having our employees return home safe and sound each day after work is very important, without a safe and hardworking team, our commitment to service would mean nothing, safety is key to our success”.

“Our employees have been working quite extensively on their safe work practices, and it shows with the final score the co-op received. The board of directors and I are very pleased that employees have been taking this seriously and working hard to make this a reality. It proves again that we have a fine group of employees working as a team for our members.” Added Kelton.

*Mid South Synergy is a Touchstone Energy electric cooperative serving over 16,500 members in Grimes, Brazos, Madison, Walker, Montgomery and Waller Counties. Please visit our website at [www.midsouthsynergy.com](http://www.midsouthsynergy.com)*

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