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Performing a Large Diameter Tap for Kittery Water District on Their Main Line in York, ME



Kittery Water District planned to expand service with a 16" line off their existing 20" line. The water supply was required to service the increased demand due to expanding infrastructure and new housing developments. The Water District was unable to shut down the 20" waterline because this was their main feed line (trunk line) going into town.

Team EJP Service Technician, Dave Robinson, was called in when the decision was made to perform a tap with a 20"x16" sleeve. From the tap, American Zinc Pipe would be run to improve the longevity of the new line.

A 20"x16" live tap was chosen as the quickest way to get a new main started. Another less favorable option would have been to shut down the entire line and fill stand pipes on the other side of town, so the water could then be back fed in the main line to keep customers' water on.

Performing a 20x16 live tap allowed Kittery Water District to have a ready-to-go water main in a single day's work.

The entire tapping process went very smoothly. As a courtesy, Dave installed the first stick of pipe for the town. "You

know they still have to backfill that hole and they will be there for an extra 2 hours. For me to use my air tools versus their hand ratchets, it saved them some time".

The final step to complete the new water line was to begin installing 16" Zinc pipe. Zinc pipe was chosen in order to improve the longevity of the water line. The coating significantly extends the life of an already rugged and reliable product - ductile iron pipe. Contact your EJP Representative today for your service needs or using Zinc pipe to upgrade your water system.

University of Prescott Graduation - Jason Normandin Jr.



I'm Jason Normandin Jr, a UP Student from Pawtucket, RI. My father, who is an Inside Salesman at our Lincoln, Rhode Island Division, suggested joining the University of Prescott. After two interviews, one in Rhode Island and one in Maine, I was accepted as a UP Student on June 29, 2016.

In going through the program, I was given the privilege to travel throughout New England, New York and the Midwest. While traveling from division to division, I was trained in areas such as Sales, Estimating, and Service work. I also had the opportunity to learn more about internal operations at the main office and how each division is managed. The part of the job I enjoyed the most was Service work. Training with our Service Techs allowed me to learn more about the job in detail and acquire needed experience while having fun at the same time.

Two years later, I am on track to graduate on June 29, 2018, and accept a Service Tech position at our Syracuse, NY Division. I am extremely excited to assume this new role and responsibility and to start my new career with Team EJP. Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way.

2018 NEWWA Spring Conference

This year's New England Waterworks Association Spring Conference held in Worcester, Massachusetts was as impressive as always. The NEWWA's largest event drew 3,103 people from April 4 - April 5, selling out the exhibit hall. Some of the features included in this year's event were: 19+ concurrent technical sessions offering TCH credit, a Young Professional/New Member Networking Event, The Famous Hydrant Hysteria and the first annual NEWWA Career Fair. The Career Fair is a place where young professionals considering a career in the waterworks industry can speak with representatives about career opportunities.

What is Hydrant Hysteria? Hydrant Hysteria is a competition where teams of two assemble a hydrant as quickly as possible. The winning team(s) will travel to Denver, CO for the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition (ACE19) where they will represent New England and NEWWA in the national competition. This year's winners for the second year in a row from Bristol County Water Authority, Bristol, Rhode Island, were Dave DaSilva, BCWA Operations Foreman, and Nick Deveau, BCWA Water Utility Operator.

Team EJP would like to congratulate both Dave and Nick on their incredible performance for the second consecutive year at NEWWA Hydrant Hysteria. We would also like to recognize EJP Service Technician, Dave Robinson, and Outside Representative, Jeremy Golec, for volunteering as judges for this year's event.



From Left to right: EJP Service Tech Dave Robinson, Hydrant Hysteria winners Dave DaSilva, BCWA Operation Foreman, Nick Deveau, BCWA Water Utility Operator and EJP Outside Representative Jeremy Golec.

Team EJP Congratulates Concord Division for Excellence in Safety

Since the start of 2018, Team EJP Safety & Training Specialist, Derek Wing, Concord Division Manager, Dave Lightner and his Concord team have been working diligently with the Work Wise New Hampshire group to obtain the OSHA SHARP recognition.

The SHARP (Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program) is a program that recognizes small business employers who have used OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program services and operate exemplary safety and health programs. OSHA's acceptance of an employer's worksite into SHARP is an achievement of status that sets them apart from business peers as a model for worksite safety and health.

The process to achieve SHARP recognition in Concord included an in-depth examination of Team EJP's safety program, OSHA records, a visit from Work Wise officials (where they conducted a walk through looking for OSHA violations) and interviews with employees.

Derek and Dave received a notification on the morning of May 25, that the Concord Division's dedication to safety had earned the SHARP recognition. Team EJP Concord is now one of 8 locations throughout the state of New Hampshire awarded the SHARP recognition and one amongst 7 EJP locations.

Thank you, Derek, Dave and everyone at Team EJP Concord!

The Maine Chamber Worker's Comp Group Trust chooses Team EJP for the Richard J. Haines Memorial Award for Safety Excellence



Safety Training and Service Manager Ray Morang showcases the Richard J. Haines Memorial Award

In honor of Richard “Dick” Haines and his instrumental role in the creation and succession of the Group Trust, this award was created to recognize members who achieve excellence in workplace safety.

Dick often used the term “Safety Champion” when referring to a person or company that went the extra mile and did the right things to foster an injury and incident-free working environment. The following criteria must be met:

Commitment - Both to employee safety and the well-being of the group.

Persistence - Always striving for excellence on loss prevention, safety, claims management and return to work.

Participation - Involvement of all levels of the company in employee safety and active participation in group activities.

Performance - Generally solid and overall profitable contribution to the trust.

Consistency - Long-term effort without complacency.

To be selected, Team EJP has gone above and beyond to fulfill the requirements of the Richard J. Haines Memorial Award. Team EJP recognizes the ceaseless dedication of EJP Safety Manager, Ray Morang, Safety and Training Specialist, Derek Wing, and all EJP employees, Thank you everyone!

13 Years Later, PEP Transportation Delivers “Stability” to Historic Marina Damaged by Hurricane Katrina

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and severely damaged a 600-slip marina on Lake Pontchartrain, a historic public landmark popular for fishing and boating in southeastern Louisiana. The Marina is also host to the Community Sailing Center and Tulane University Sailing Team.

Custom Float Services from South Portland, ME was contracted to help rebuild the historic landmark by constructing custom timber-framed floats and an ADA compliant all-welded marine aluminum gangway. These heavy-duty systems are built to withstand the impacts of extreme surge, waves, and wind for the protection of the facility and its boats. Seeking a professional and reliable transportation company to deliver the product, CFS got in touch with Todd Arsenault at PEP Transportation out of Gardiner, ME.

This project was undertaken in two phases and saw the first load of six 10-foot by 20-foot timber-framed floats successfully

delivered to the Marina by PEP in August of 2017. The second phase will be to deliver four more floats along with the 9-foot by 30-foot aluminum gangway in August of 2018. PEP Transportation is proud to be involved in the Marina rebuild some 13 years after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.



Maine Coastal Erosion Control Workshop



In late April, Team EJP hosted a Coastal Erosion Control Workshop at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern in Brunswick, Maine. The event attracted more than 100 attendees. The workshop explored Coastal Erosion Control problems and solutions, and looked into the future at the implications of sea level rise and its potential impacts on coastal communities.

Team EJP has hosted coastal erosion control workshops for the past 11 years, with events in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Maine Sea Grant.

The Keynote speaker for the workshop was Melanie Loyzim, Deputy Commissioner of the Maine DEP. Her topic, "The Future of the Maine

Coast," discussed Maine's readiness for the challenges facing all coastal communities. Audie Arbo, also from the Maine DEP, provided a regulatory update and discussed the agency's search for a wider variety of solutions for the challenges ahead.

Learning from those who have past experiences with coastal erosion control is one way we can improve in the future. The Netherlands has been engaged in coastal erosion control for centuries, and Maine Sea Grant's Kristen Grant reported on her visit to the country. What she learned about their long-term approach to this serious issue.

Jim Nadeau of Nadeau Land Surveys of Portland presented an interesting overview regarding flood maps and the insurance challenges that confront coastal home owners. Bill Walsh and Tom Greer of Walsh Engineering

Associates focused their discussion on Maine coastal erosion control projects and lessons learned.

Steve Williams of Tensar Corporation showcased Marine Mattress technology, and Team EJP's Pete Hanrahan concluded the event with a presentation on future adaptation to rising seas.

Over the years, Team EJP has worked to bring the public and private sectors together to seek solutions to the very serious and daunting erosion issues coastal communities are facing today and in years to come.

Future events are already in the planning stages. In his important book, "High Tide on Maine Street," author John Englander called for "intelligent adaptation" to the very real threats associated with sea level rise, and these events strive to make a contribution to that effort.

Team EJP Battles Water and Sand to Replace PIV Posts at Proctor & Gamble

On June 1, 2018, Team EJP's Service Department was called upon to replace the bolts in two 8" PIV posts that were leaking from a water-based fire sprinkler system at Proctor & Gamble located in Auburn, ME.

What would typically be considered a routine job proved to be far more complicated than first anticipated. To reach the source of the problem, Sargent Corporation had to remove fencing and a curb before digging down to the pipe. The water line,

which was originally thought to be at 5' deep, was 6.5' feet deep; meaning the trench needed to be dug to 8'. Before the posts could be replaced, live water and sand around the posts had to be stabilized with a sump pump.

After working tediously on resolving the PIV post issue, Proctor and Gamble was provided with two new American Flow Control (AFC) PIV posts. When all was said and done, the two posts were replaced with no issue by Team EJP Service Technicians Dave Robinson and Kolby Peckham.



VAS Emergency Water Main Break at Hendricks Regional Health Hospital, Danville, IN.



On Thursday, May 3, 2018, Danville Water Company Administrator (DWC), Jim Russell, was notified of a water main break at Hendricks Regional Health Hospital. The line was 10" cast iron and was installed in 1960. After losing about 100,000 gallons, the line was finally shut off so repairs could be made.

A 10-foot-deep excavation was required to expose the line. Once the main was exposed, a 4-foot split in the line was discovered as well as two large holes. DWC decided to do a cut out and replace the section of failing pipe, but then realized they didn't have any couplings to perform the repair, and this is when DWC's Jim Russell knew to call Team EJP. There to receive his call around 10:30PM was EJP's Lou Townsend. After talking and finding out what was needed, Lou went to the shop to pick up fittings and 10" Alpha Couplings.

Lou arrived at the jobsite to deliver the fittings and couplings around 11:30PM and stayed until the job was finished the next morning at 3:00AM. Needless to say, Jim Russell was very pleased. He stated, "That is what I call great service from Lou and EJP. After putting in an entire work day, we know how tough it can be on the body." It is also very important to note that Danville Water Department was able to use their new trench box at this emergency that they had purchased from Team EJP the day before. For almost 23 years now, Danville Water Department has been a dedicated EJP VAS customer. Team EJP would like to recognize Danville Water Company for their commitment to VAS and thank both Lou and Jim for their hard work and dedication needed to resolve this challenging situation.

Team EJP uses JD7 Camera Technology to Find Answers for Old Town, ME

When Old Town Water District noticed the water pressure dropping in an 8" cast iron water line, they were seeking answers. Old Town Water Superintendent, Steve Lane, decided to reach out to the Team EJP Service Department which offers live non-disruptive pressurized water main assessments. Team EJP Service Technician, Dave Robinson is a fully-trained operator of the JD7 Camera. JD7 technology is globally used for water pipeline investigations focusing on corrosion, CCTV and leak detection assessments.

After Old Town Water prepped the lines and hydrants for inspection, Dave went to work with the JD7 camera. The problem was immediately evident. There was a large amount of tuberculation in the line producing a rough interior and drastically reducing the diameter of the pipe, ultimately causing the flow to be slowed. Thanks to Dave and the JD7 Camera Technology, Old Town Water could now work on a solution to the dropping water pressure.

If you find water pressure dropping in your pipelines, contact Team EJP to investigate!



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(Left) Team EJP President, Steven Prescott, presents (right) Ed Boudreau a plaque congratulating him for 41 years of dedication and service.

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On Friday, May 25th, a number of Team EJP employees, family, friends and business associates gathered at the Senator Inn and Spa in Augusta, ME, to celebrate the retirement of an original Blue Blood, Ed Boudreau. Ed, affectionately referred to as “Fast Eddy,” devoted 41 years of service to Team EJP. In a video highlighting the accomplished career of the former CFO, Peter Prescott said, “It’s going to be really hard for us to replace the loyalty and passion that you had for the Team for over 40 years.” Many Team EJP co-workers expressed similar sentiments through video messages and emails.

Ed was surprised and very pleased with the turnout. “That was really something, almost over the top. I can’t thank you enough.”

Ed plans to travel with his wife to various destinations they have been wanting to visit, as well as enjoy more time with family both within Maine and out of state. Ed has been shopping for a tractor for a while and plans to use it to work on his property cutting wood, etc.

From everyone here at Team EJP, we would like to sincerely thank Ed for his dedication and commitment to the Team. We bid you a fond farewell in your retirement, Ed! You deserve it!