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Drove to the 61 LZ, buddy together all crews of 61 and 500 had tailboard. Rained, got in trucks, quit raining, got out. We rigged our ladder for our material to take with us to the mono structures. me and Russ Put on our bee suits cause the structures were full of bees and the arms. we went over with the pilot of the 500 Jason on how he would pick us up and how he would transport us to the structure

Russ was flying out on the ladder first, we hooked up to the ladder to the A frame, and Jason flew him to the structure. The 500 came back and got me.

I hooked up to the 500, he flew me out to the first tower where Russ was already on the ladder and dropped me on the ladder. I safetied off on the ladder and un did myself from the 500.

Me and Russ got into our positions on the ladder on the first conductor. We radioed to the 500 and told them we are ready to have wire picked up. He brought the grapple, picked the wire up to us. And then we pinned into the arm, the 500 left. Russ climbed off the ladder onto the structure the 500 brought the A frame back. I hooked it up to the ladder and myself and he moved me to the other side of the structure on the ladder. I unhooked them and he flew off. Russ climbed over to me and got back on the ladder with me and safetied off. I safetied the ladder to the arm first and then when we were in position. I radioed the 500 to let him know we were ready to the pick the wire. 500 came with the grapple he picked the wire up for us we pinned to the arm and gave the clear signal he dropped and left. Bees everywhere lots of bees but they were not stinging us the suits did their jobs.

I radioed for the 500 once Russ got off the ladder he brought the A frame I hooked it to the ladder, I safetied the ladder and safetied myself and he moved me to the other arm to the 3rd conductor.

I safetied the ladder unhooked the A frame from the ladder and myself he flew off.

I unsafety the ladder from the arm, hooked up the A frame up and hooked my self up. No that's not what happened.

When we were done with the 3rd conductor the 500 brought the A frame he picked Russ first from off the tower off the ladder and took him to the next structure and then he come back and got me I hooked up the A frame to the ladder and he moved me and the ladder to the 2nd structure.

He took me to the north side of the 2nd structure dropped me on the arm with the ladder. I safetied the ladder and unhooked the A frame and unhooked myself and he flew off.

Russ climbed over and got on the ladder and safetied off to the ladder we got into our positions.

The polymers were already on the conductor and they were the wrong polymers. We had to have 500 bring us (that's not the right word, let me go back) after Russ got on the ladder, radioed for the 500 we were in position, 500 came and picked the wire and we pinned to the arm.

Russ got off the tower off the ladder waited for the 500 to pick me up to the next conductor straight about the arm same north side of the pole he brought the A frame unsafetied the ladder hooked up the A frame hooked up myself he brought me straight up and set me back down on the top arm I unhooked the A frame and unhooked myself and he flew off

Russ climbed over to the ladder and safetyed off and at this point we started having a discussion about the polys being not the right size cause somebody had already put them there

And we thought they were 115 polys and not 230 polys like they needed to be

We called Dominic and somebody else and got clarification on which line we were working on 115 or 230 he said 230. And we verified that the wrong polys were on there.

Called the 500 and the LZ got the right the polys made up, 500 flew us out the right polys n the grapple and I attached them to the ladder.

500 flew off

Me and Russ got our plan together on how we to get the old poly off and the new poly on and pin it.

Once our plan was together I called the 500 on the radio and told him we were ready to the pick the wire and our plan.

500 came with the grapple picked the wire, we removed the old poly and installed the new poly pinned it to the arm. Gave the all clear and he got off the wire and flew away

We had to redo the bottom phase because it was wrong the poly cause we had already done it

Russ got off the ladder climbed the tower, I radioed for the 500, 500 came with A frame and unsafety the ladder hooked up the ladder to the a frame and hooked up myself he picked me and dropped me back down to the bottom arm. I unhooked the ladder and unhooked myself safety the ladder 500 flew off

Russ climbed back to the ladder safety position himself. We advised a plan as were was already pinned with old poly got our plan together called 500 I called 500. I told 500 what the plan was 500 brought out the grapple, picked the wire, I unpinned the poly Russ unpinned from the shoe we threw the poly installed the new poly on the wire, signaled the 500 to pick it up to arm, bend it in arm signaled 500 all clear, 500 flew away

Russ got the ladder climbed the tower, positioned myself for the pick, called 500 told them I was ready 500 flew out with a frame, hooked up a frame and safetyed the ladder hooked up myself and he picked me and took me to the other side of the pole where we had our Last conductor left.

Dropped me off, unhooked the ladder from a frame unhooked myself, safety the ladder signal all clear.

500 took off

Bees still everywhere on this pole also lots bees, never seen so many bees in my face before

This conductor was really low and hard against the pole cause it was in an angle

500 had to bring out a longer line to pick it do not know the length

He told me he was gonna bring a longer one

Russ got on the ladder safety off got in our same positions we had been working on

500 came with the grapple put the grapple on the wire, tried to pull it out

500 had to go at an extreme angle to get it pulled away from the pole

But we could not get it around the ladder to get it up to the arm cause the 500 was hitting the long the long line was hitting the static on the other transmission line 115 line

He tried several attempts he could not do it, we aborted

We got his grapple off of the wire, he flew away

Jason radioed me said he was gonna have to do it with shorter long line cause that one was too long and he was getting into the other circuit

I told him I wanted to move the ladder to the other side of the structure so he could pick the wire and set it on the arm because if he set on the arm where my ladder was positioned the wire would want to come in and pin my ladder against the pole

Jason brought out Russ climbed off the ladder got back on tower

I radioed 500. 500 brought out the a frame, hooked the a frame to the ladder and safety the ladder and hooked myself up and then Jason picked me straight up and put me on the static arm directly above where I was working not where I wanted to be

Did not have radio contact right that second cause I was in a bind, I unhooked the ladder hooked up the safety chains unhooked myself and pulled off

I set there and thought about it, he went and got the grapple he brought it back I radioed to Jason once he got back with the grapple, I said Jason I don't think this is going work, cause when you pick the wire and put it on the arm its gonna want to pin my ladder to the pole, we have to move the ladder to the other side of the structure and then once you have the wire on the arm we can reposition the ladder back to the right side of the structure and you can pick the wire off the arm over our heads and we can pin it.

At that point Jason dropped the grapple down to me he did not go get the A frame

I hooked the grapple to the ladder, I unsafety the ladder he picked me up and put me on the static arm on the other side of the pole.

He got off me I safety the ladder and he flew back to the other side of the pole

Jason went down in the 500 he picked the wire he was able to get it up on the arm, it landed mid way

I told him to repick it or it would hurt us when it slid all the way against the pole, he barely bumped it and it went to the pole

Jason came right back up and flew the grapple to me he did not go get the a frame

Lowered the grapple to me I hooked up the ladder but before I had the safety off he tried to pick me

I started having issues I was giving him the down put me back down signal I was trying to get the safety undone off the ladder cause it would not come off the arm with the safety on

I kept telling him down down and he kept wanting to pull me up

Finally with all my might I got thru there and pushed as hard as I could and got the safety chain off the ladder and when he picked me up I felt the top of the ladder going over I thought he was going down with me really fast I was waiting for the whiplash of the ladder to swing back the other way

The ladder never stopped I turned and I was going to the ground

I watched myself go all the way to the ground right before I hit the ground I told myself that was it and then I crashed

I opened my eyes and I could not believe I had my eyes open

I could hear Russ screaming for me I was trying to answer but I couldn't

Russ got to me so fast, then he stayed there with me the whole time and talked me thru it,

Never let go of me, and then Jose came got on the other side of me and helped talk me thru it and never let go of me

Then a lot of people came and lot of pain