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Fatalities

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Two service members were electrocuted when they contacted a low hanging high voltage power line.

Important information to remember:

- **Watch for low hanging power wires in built up urban areas, treat all wires as a danger.**
- **Do not assume all low overhead wires are telephone, computer or TV antenna wires.**
- **Maintain situational awareness in low visibility, wires are harder to see at night.**
- **When encountering electrical wires maintain a safety zone. Do not step on any wires.**
- ***When you see an emergency involving electricity, DO NOT render aid to the victim(s) until you have verified the power is off and the area is safe to enter.***

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