In 2014, a Keene College groundskeeper, Nate DeMond, was helping the Security Department locate a reported downed high voltage power line. The employee located the line in a wooded area and attempted to step over it and walk to meet the security representative. The officer heard the groundskeeper scream and called 911. Responders were initially unable to reach DeMond and were forced to wait until power company crew disconnected the line. DeMond was electrocuted and declared dead at the scene.

What We Learned:

• ALWAYS assume downed power lines are live! Just because a power line is on the ground and looks inactive, *does not mean it is not carrying current!*

• If you see a downed line, call Security immediately at ext. 5911, stay well away from the line (100 feet), and prevent others from getting close until help arrives.

• Follow the acronym SNAP (see, notify, avoid, and protect)