

This guy's job is so cool that he was among those called to help people recover after a natural disaster. Hurricane Irma devastated Florida and James L. Ozmar III, a native of Jarratt, is a graduate of the Southside Virginia Community College Power Line Worker Program who joined the long line of power and construction workers dispatched to help rebuild in that state.

A graduate of SVCC's Power Line Worker Training Program, Ozmar began working for River City Construction just a few months after his September 2016 graduation. The company provides power line construction and maintenance and, according to their website, is prepared to answer the call for post-storm damage.

Ozmar's team was sent to Plant City, Florida, which is located near Tampa towards the west coast of the state.

"The school taught me many skills but the most relevant in this situation would be my ability to climb and work on hooks. There were times we faced several poles where the primary came off the insulator or when we needed to replace a jumper on poles inaccessible by a bucket truck. It is imperative to be able to work on hooks and do it with confidence," says Ozmar.

Ozmar's cool job has many rewarding benefits, "It felt great helping the people in Florida. Throwing that last cutout switch and hearing the whole neighborhood cheer is a feeling that just cannot be described."