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20 Linemen From Toledo Area Head South To Restore Power

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SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP -- 500,000 residents along the Gulf coast are without power. While residents there sit in the dark, some relief from Northwest Ohio is on the way.

Linemen from U.S. Utility normally help keep the lights on in the Toledo area. Monday, they're headed to south Florida where Katrina first struck. Nine trucks carrying twenty workers are caravanning to the Sunshine State to restore power.

These guys are familiar with disaster. They've had to deal with tornados, ice storms and hurricanes. Last year, the linemen spent five weeks in Florida after four hurricanes hit. During that period, they worked 17-hour shifts seven days a week. Once again, the linemen are heading into the unknown.

"It's all dangerous. It's all real dangerous. You have to be careful. It helps if you know the people you are going with. All you can rely on is your buddy. That helps a lot," says Gary Beatty.

The linemen should arrive in Florida some time Tuesday. They're scheduled to be in there for two weeks. However, they expect to eventually be detoured to Louisiana, Mississippi or even Alabama.

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