

The Great E-Town Blackout

Today, I worked from 10am-4pm... not a bad shift at all... not too early and off at a decent hour. Everything was going well until about 11:30 when the electricity flicked on and off. It did this three times in about a five minute interval. THEN, it flicked and did not come back on. GREAT!!! How long til we get to call it a day since we could not wait on anyone and could not see very far into the store without a flashlight. I was more concerned about the meat and frozen foods. How long do we actually wait until we have to unload that? At least 3 hours, I was informed. When the boss arrived at noon, I was instructed to take a flashlight to the meat room to put some chicken in bags for sale and put them in the freezer. After that, I decided to have a bit of fun. I took the flashlight and a stocking cap that I found and pointed the light up under my chin, thereby giving my face that extra creepy appearance. I then waited for the boss to come back that way. Sure enough, she jumped like 6 feet in the air. If you can't have a haunted house then why not make do and create some frights where and when you can. Unfortunately, the electricity returned at about 1 o'clock. But, we did get to look out the window at the traffic light and see how many drivers knew what to do when the lights are not working. There were a couple close calls because some intelligent vehicle operator did not know to stop before crossing the intersection. Not sure what caused the town-wide outage (or at least on the north side of the railroad tracks) but it made for an interesting hour,