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Three Public Works Agencies Selected to Receive 2016 Snow and Ice Control Awards

Awards presented at APWA's North American Snow Conference in Hartford, CT.

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Three public works agencies have been selected to receive the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2016 Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards. Established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, the APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control award promotes the best practices in snow and ice removal, while minimizing environmental impacts. This year, the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards will be presented at the 2016 APWA North American Snow Conference during May 22-25, 2016 in the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT.

The three recipients selected for the 2016 APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards include:

***City of Longmont, CO. Department of Public Works and Natural Resources:**

The City of Longmont maintains about 350 lane miles of roadway within the city limits. With a budget of \$835,000, the Public Works and Natural Resources Department conducts snow and ice control operations on approximately 150-175 lane miles, including acceleration and deceleration lanes. To make the most of their resources, an annual Snow and Ice Control Plan for the city's roadways is developed to guide operations. The plan outlines strategies to maintain a flow of traffic throughout the city and ensure that each residential area is in close proximity to a plowed street. The roadway plan is supplemented by a parks snow and ice control plan that focuses on pedestrian walkways and trails.

***Village of Buffalo Grove, IL. Public Works Department:**

The Buffalo Grove's Public Works Department is responsible for a premier community located in the northern suburbs of Chicago that is home to over 41,000 residents. The Public Works Department is responsible for the winter maintenance of 114 center road line miles of roads, requiring 522 plowing miles to effectively clear all streets. As a primarily residential community, the Public Works Department is also responsible for complete winter maintenance activities on 369 cul-de-sacs. Winter maintenance activities are also completed on six municipal parking lots, and parking lot maintenance that serves the mass transportation systems within the Village limits that includes Pace Bus and the Metra Community Rail Station.

***Town of Orangetown, NY. Highway Department:**

The Town of Orangetown is located in Rockland County, NY in a community 20 miles north of New York City. The Orangetown Highway Department's policy is to provide a transportation system that is passable and safe as much as possible in a system that contains 206 miles of roadway, which includes snow and ice control on 145 miles of town roads, 45 miles of state roads, and 16 miles of county roads. The department's primary concern is keeping all roads open for emergency response and vehicular traffic. From November through April, when snow conditions are more likely, the Highway Department works its 25 snow and ice control routes. The department's snow and ice control plans take into account the possible need to get emergency response vehicles into any part of town. Special attention is given to areas that have places of public assembly, such as municipal buildings, houses of worship, schools, etc. Direct contact is made with four local school district transportation departments to coordinate the movement of students as well as communication with the larger employers to coordinate schedules. In addition to material application, for anti-icing, de-icing, and plowing,

the Highway Department removes snow from the business districts in hamlets of Pearl River, Tappan, Blauvelt and Sparkill after heavy storms.

About APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards Program: Any public works agency actively involved in snow and ice removal and operations are eligible, and APWA membership is not required to be selected for the award. For more information about the APWA North American Snow Conference, please visit: <http://www.apwa.net/snow>. Media are invited to register for an APWA press registration for the Snow Conference. For media queries, please contact Laura Bynum, APWA Media Relations/Communications Manager at lbynum@apwa.net.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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