

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD PUBLIC FLEET

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Fleet category recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of public fleet management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership and dedication to the public good.

Eligibility Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is management of a public works fleet is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Fleet Services Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the committee.

Career Length Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated.

Employment Candidates may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of public works, specifically in the area of a public sector fleet.

Scope Candidates must manage a significantly diversified fleet of equipment utilized in providing essential public service functions.

Selection The award winner is selected by the Professional Manager and Snow and Ice Award Committee.

Criteria Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

Profession Significant contributions to the advancement of public fleet management.

Leadership Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public fleet management.

Innovation Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective public fleet management.

Employment Achievement Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of public fleet operations.

Customer Service Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Community Service Promotion of the field of public fleet management in the community, agency or customers served.

Sustainability Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nomination of a candidate is limited to one Professional Manager of the Year Award per year. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate's professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2022 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2021	Travis Brown, Vehicle Fleet Services Manager, City of Raleigh, NC
2020	Cindy Forrester, Division Manager of Equipment Services, Gastonia, NC
2019	Rob Sizemore, Fleet Service Supervisor, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
2018	Kevin Rogers, Fleet Manager, County of Forsyth, Winston-Salem, NC
2017	John Foreman, Fleet Superintendent, City of Missouri City, Texas
2016	Melvin Garrett, Assistant Fleet Director, Charleston County Government, North Charleston, SC
2015	Barry Lowry, MPA, Fleet Program Manager, Town of Chapel Hill, NC
2014	Chris Trull, Fleet Manager, City of Charlotte, NC
2013	Richard Battersby, CFPF, CAFM, Director of Fleet Services, University of California, Davis
2012	J.D. Schulte, CFPF, Fleet Division Manager, City of Moline, IL
2011	Kevin L. Schlagen, Fleet Manager, Dakota County, MN
2010	Samuel P. Lamerato, CFPF, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance Division, City of Troy, MI