

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Works Emergency Management recognizes the outstanding achievements in the area of public works emergency 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 in an emergency management role is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Emergency Management 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, their career service must be in the field of public works emergency management.

Scope Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions in the field of a public works emergency management program.

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 works emergency management.

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

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

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

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

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

Sustainability Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nominations 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	Mark Ray, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Crystal, MN
2020	Philip Mann, P.E., Public Works Director, Gainesville, FL
2019	Carrie Ricci, Deputy Public Works Director, Contra Costa County, CA
2017	Richard "Chip" Barrett, PWLF, Highway Superintendent, Westford Hwy Dept., Westford, MA
2016	Kürt Blomquist, P.E., Public Works Director/Emergency Mgmt. Dir., City of Keene, NH
2015	Christine Walsh, Director of Operations, City of Beloit, WI
2014	Tony Torres, Director of Operations, Village of Bolingbrook, IL
2013	Lawrence Lux, PWLF, Founder/President, Lux Advisors, Ltd., Plainfield, IL
2012	Bruce Slagoski, Public Works Supervisor, City of Beloit, WI
2011	Ronald F. Ribaric, FPWM, Assistant Project Manager, Orange County Public Works, Orlando, FL
2010	Brian Usher, Director of Public Works, City of Largo, FL