

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Works Emergency Management seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public works emergency management professionals. The primary focus of this award is the recognition of exceptional leadership in the field of public works emergency management.

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.

Agency Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in public works emergency management.

Scope Candidates must manage a public works emergency management program with an active role in Homeland Security and emergency management programs, including emergency planning initiatives and emergency response operations.

Selection The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria The criteria used in the selection process include:

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 the effectiveness of public works emergency management.

Agency Service Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of public works emergency management operations.

Customer Service Maintenance 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 Supporting 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. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2018 (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

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, FPEM, Assistant Project Manager, Orange County Public Works, Orlando, FL
2010	Brian Usher, Director of Public Works, City of Largo, FL
2009	Pilar Rodriguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, City of McAllen, TX
2007	Guadalupe Thomas, Public Works Operations Manager, City of Oakland, CA