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## **WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES HONORED FOR SAFETY EXCELLENCE, RELIABILITY**

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. – Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin is proud to recognize its member utilities that recently received recognition from the American Public Power Association for each utilities' commitment to safety and reliability.

Twenty-three of Wisconsin's public power utilities earned the Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2017. The awards were presented April 30 during the Association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Raleigh, N.C.

In announcing the award honorees, the Association noted, "Electric utilities value safety above all else. The utilities receiving this award have demonstrated exceptional dedication to a culture of safety."

More than 300 utilities nationwide entered the annual Safety Awards, which is the highest number of entrants in the history of the program.

Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2017.

The incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2017, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The Safety Awards have been held annually for the last 59 years.

Municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin awarded the designation are:

- Arcadia Electric Utility
- Bangor Municipal Utility
- Black River Falls Municipal Electric & Water Utilities
- Broadhead Water & Light Commission
- City Utilities of Richland Center
- Clintonville Water & Electric Plant
- Columbus Water & Light

- Evansville Water and Light
- Lodi Municipal Light & Water Utility
- Menasha Utilities
- Muscoda Utilities
- New Holstein Utilities
- New Richmond City Utilities
- Oconomowoc Utilities
- Reedsburg Utility Commission
- River Falls Municipal Utilities
- Stoughton Utilities (Diamond)
- Sturgeon Bay Utilities
- Sun Prairie Utilities
- Trempealeau Municipal Electric Department
- Two Rivers Water & Light
- Waupun Utilities
- Whitehall Municipal Electric Utility

Meanwhile, 13 of Wisconsin's public power utilities were recently recognized for their work providing highly reliable power to their communities. Each of the utilities earned the Reliable Public Power Provider designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. The designations were also presented on April 30 during the Association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Raleigh, N.C.

The designation lasts for three years and recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

Municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin awarded the designation are:

- Cedarburg Light and Water Commission (Gold Level)
- Evansville Water and Light (Platinum)
- Kaukauna Utilities (Diamond)
- Manitowoc Public Utilities (Diamond)
- Marshfield Utilities (Diamond)
- Menasha Utilities (Platinum)
- Oconomowoc Utilities (Diamond)
- Richland Center Electric Department (Diamond)
- River Falls Municipal Utilities (Platinum)
- Stoughton Utilities (Diamond)
- Sun Prairie Utilities (Platinum)
- Two Rivers Water & Light (Diamond)
- Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission (Diamond)

**About MEUW**

*Formed in 1928, MEUW is the state association providing safety services, leadership and management training, advocacy, and member support to the 81 municipal electric utilities across Wisconsin. Collectively, these public power utilities distribute more than 11 percent of the electricity in Wisconsin and most have century-old roots serving their communities. Municipal utilities operate on a not-for-profit basis overseen by a local governing board composed of local citizens and elected officials. To learn more, visit [meuw.org](http://meuw.org).*