

# Association recognizes 34 members for safety excellence

Thirty-four utilities have earned recognition from MEUW for their safety performance in 2020. Each of them was honored at the conclusion of the Electric Operations Expo held April 29 in Baraboo.

The MEUW Safety Achievement Award was developed to recognize safety performance and to encourage proactive safety activities by member utilities; awards are given based on voluntary reporting. Utilities receive recognition for their dedication to employees' on-the-job focus: fol-

lowing safety rules, using safe work practices and watching out for one another. The metrics are designed to identify leading indicators of safety performance, rather than lagging indicators. MEUW has been providing the awards for more than a decade.

The Award also acknowledges the commitment of management and utility governing board to ensuring an environment that supports safe operations. This includes providing employees with the

equipment they need to do the job safely and training to maintain or improve skills. Award recipients are placed in one of three categories — gold, silver and bronze — based on scoring against key criteria that promote a strong safety culture.

“Working in the electric utility industry involves risks, and we value a focus on safety and training above all else,” said Tim Heinrich, MEUW Executive Director. “We applaud all the honorees for their dedication to safety excellence.” ●

<b>GOLD Category</b>			<b>SILVER Category</b>
Arcadia Electric Utility	Lodi Utilities	City Utilities of Richland Center	City of Medford
Cedarburg Light and Water Commission	Manitowoc Public Utilities	Shawano Municipal Utilities	Clintonville Utilities
Columbus Water & Light	Marshfield Utilities	Sturgeon Bay Utilities	Lake Mills Utilities
Eagle River Light & Water	Menasha Utilities	Sun Prairie Utilities	River Falls Municipal Utilities
Elroy Electric Utilities	Muscoda Utilities	Two Rivers Water & Light	
Evansville Water & Light	New Holstein Utilities	Waunakee Utilities	<b>BRONZE Category</b>
Fennimore Municipal Utilities	Oconomowoc Utilities	Waupun Utilities	City of Cuba City
Hustisford Utilities	Prairie du Sac Electric Utility	Wisconsin Rapids Water Works & Lighting Commission	Cumberland Municipal Utilities
Kaukauna Utilities	Rice Lake Utilities		Jefferson Utilities
			Vanguard Electric



Accepting a “Gold” award on behalf of their respective utilities at the Electric Operations Expo were (from left): Jeff Lemke (Menasha); Steve Brooks (Waupun); Joe Hammer (Columbus); Leo Diehl (Rice Lake); MEUW Manager of Safety Services Mike Czuprynyko; Shawn Kuester (Elroy); Brian Delforge (Kaukauna); Scott Gald (Richland Center); Dave Dresen (Waunakee); Kerry Lindroth (Evansville); Gary Smith (Fennimore); Joe Pickart (Oconomowoc); Nick Koval (Arcadia); Bob Bouril (Manitowoc); Troy Wardell (Muscoda); Brian Dellemann (Two Rivers); Tony Nelson (Marshfield); Jordan Robertson (Prairie du Sac); Justin Schneider (New Holstein); Rick Wicklund (Sun Prairie); MEUW Board of Directors President Brian Knapp; and Adam Carroll (Shawano).