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## MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS

SUN PRAIRIE, WIS. — Thirty-nine of Wisconsin’s public power utilities were recognized for their outstanding safety achievements from Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW). Each utility received an award in recognition of its commitment and dedication to establishing a strong safety culture. The awards were presented on May 11 at the association’s 93rd Annual Conference in Green Bay.

“Work in the electric utility industry requires a constant focus on safety,” said Tim Heinrich, MEUW President and CEO. “Our association is proud to recognize that on-the-job focus — following safety rules, using safe work practices, and watching out for one another.”

“As importantly, we recognize the commitment of management and the local utility governing board to developing an environment and a culture that supports and values safe operations,” he added. “Providing employees with the equipment they need to do the job safely, as well as training to maintain or improve their skills, is vitally important to achieving a strong safety record. We applaud our member communities for their dedication to safety excellence.”

Utilities are placed into categories based on the total number of hours worked, receiving recognition based on the most incident-free records. The incidence rate used to evaluate utilities is based on the number of work-related recordable injuries or illnesses, compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

### **Bronze Category**

Arcadia Electric Utility

### **Silver Category**

Boscobel Utilities

Cedarburg Light & Water

City of Cuba City

City of Medford

Cumberland Municipal Utility

Gresham Municipal Utility

Hartford Utilities

Lake Mills Utilities

Plymouth Utilities

Shawano Municipal Utilities

Stoughton Utilities

### **Gold Category**

Clintonville Utilities

Columbus Water & Light Department

Eagle River Light & Water Utility

Elroy Electric Utility

Evansville Water & Light

Fennimore Municipal Utilities

Hustisford Utilities

Juneau Utilities Commission

Kaukauna Utilities

Lodi Utilities

Manitowoc Public Utilities

Marshfield Utilities

Menasha Utilities

Muscoda Utilities

New Holstein Utilities

Oconomowoc Utilities

Prairie du Sac Electric Utility

Rice Lake Utilities

City Utilities of Richland Center

Sauk City Utilities

Sturgeon Bay Utilities

Sun Prairie Utilities

Two Rivers Utilities

Vanguard Electric

Waunakee Utilities

Waupun Utilities

Wisconsin Rapids Water Works  
& Lighting Commission

### ***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).*



Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) presented its member utilities with Safety Achievement Awards at the association's 93rd Annual Conference. Accepting on behalf of their community-owned utility were: *(From left to right)* George Morrissey (Cuba City), Joe Hammer (Columbus), Paul Hermanson (Lake Mills), Tim Herlitzka (Waunakee), Mike Sanborn (Eagle River), Brian Carroll (Gresham), Nicolas Kumm (Marshfield), Tim Aaby (Rice Lake), Ben Collins (Cedarburg), Brian Dellemann (Two Rivers), Kevin Ekleberry (Muscodia), Mike Reynolds (Boscobel), Troy Adams (Manitowoc), Ryan Roehrborn (Plymouth), Scott Gald (Richland Center), Dave Tichinel (Clintonville), Jem Brown (Wisconsin Rapids), Rick Wicklund (Sun Prairie), Brian Rhodes (Hartford), Melanie Krause (Menasha), MEUW's Director of Safety Services and Operations Mike Czuprynko, Steve Brooks (Waupun), Marc Stephanie (New Holstein), Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland), Nick Gahlman (Juneau), Dave Pahl (Kaukauna), Jason Bieri (Sturgeon Bay), Rob Koepp (Shawano), Kerry Lindroth (Evansville).