



PALM BAY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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PALM BAY UTILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Palm Bay Utilities Department's Water Distribution Section has been recognized by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) with the 2008 Distribution System Award. Distribution systems are recognized based on their size and the strength of their application packet. The award is given to a top water distribution system in each size category that demonstrates high standards and integrity. Palm Bay Utilities was recognized as the top distribution system in Division II for systems servicing 20,000 to 29,999 customers.

The Palm Bay Utilities Department's Water Distribution Section is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the raw water mains, water distribution and transmission mains, fire hydrants, and all related accessories. These responsibilities include flushing of water mains, exercising water valves, prompt repair of water leaks, locating lines for new construction, new and replacement meter installations, and the cross connection control program. There are currently 25 skilled and dedicated employees working within this division of the Utilities Department to ensure the delivery of clean, safe, reliable drinking water over the City's more than 500 miles of water lines.

"Palm Bay Utilities is honored to have received this award. Our Water Distribution team is second to none. They have a strong sense of responsibility for the work they do, and they have a strong desire to make sure our customers are satisfied with our product," commented Jason Yarborough, Utilities Director for Palm Bay.

The award will be formally presented to the Utilities Department at the City Council meeting scheduled for February 5. The chair of Florida's Section of AWWA, Ana Maria Gonzalez, P.E., will make the presentation of the award.

PBUD is an ISO 14001:2004 certified organization with 118 trained and skilled employees who provide service to almost 30,000 customers. The City operates two utilities campuses with a total of three water treatment plants capable of providing up to 15.5 million gallons per day of potable water. The utilities department also operates a wastewater treatment plant and a water reclamation plant; the combined treatment capacity for these two facilities is 5.2 million gallons per day.

For more information about the Palm Bay Utilities Department or this award, please call (321) 952-3410 or visit www.pbud.org.

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