

# City of Portland

## Safety Recognition Day

Beginning in 1995, the City Council has convened annually to publically acknowledge front line City workers and Bureau safety efforts. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Certificates of Recognition were given to individual employees and groups who had been nominated to receive awards for achievements in the safety and health arena during 2011.

In City Council chambers, Mayor Sam Adams and Commissioners presented awards to recipients within their respective bureaus, while reading the nominee's accomplishments. (In Commissioner Leonard's absence, his portfolio was handled by Commissioner Fritz).

Mayor Adams opened the ceremony with remarks addressing all assembled participants with a message emphasizing the importance of a robust safety culture, which benefits all City employees.

### Office of Management and Finance Revenue Bureau's Safety Committee Award:



Members were recognized for sponsoring training which certified 25 employees in the use of CPR and AED, instituting Armed Intruder Preparation and Awareness Training, and updating the Revenue Bureau Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Allen Buller and Gary Baldwin, receiving the award for the committee from Mayor Sam Adams

### Portland Bureau of Transportation Safety Champion Award:

Justin Buchanan is a safety champion not only for modeling safe work behavior in the Traffic Maintenance Section, but for volunteering to research and write portions of the Traffic Operations safety guidelines for a new Safety Manual.

Justin Buchanan with Mayor Sam Adams



**Portland Bureau of Transportation Environmental Systems Division  
Safety Committee Award:**



Members were recognized for developing a new Snow & Ice Training Program for Maintenance Operations, implementing a safety clothing program that upgraded employee safety vests, and for modeling leadership that empowers employees to take initiative to improve safety.

Wade Akines and Randy King receive the award for their committee from Mayor Sam Adams

**Portland Bureau of Transportation  
Significant Reduction in Losses Award:**

This award was presented to the Maintenance Operations division for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the category of Workers' Compensation expense.

Division Director  
Suzanne Kahn  
received the award  
from Mayor Adams



**Bureau of Transportation Top Safe Driver Award:**



Michael D. Williams, of the Maintenance Operations division, was honored for his safe driving record and driving expertise while working in a wide variety of areas requiring Commercial Driver licensing, and for his willingness to share knowledge and offer training assistance to fellow employees.

Michael D. Williams  
with Mayor Adams

**Office of Management and Finance Safety Committee Award:**

This Committee was recognized for co-sponsoring the “Safety Break for Oregon” event, that included demonstrations and activities focusing on fitness and safety.



**Partners in Prevention Award**

**Office of Management and Finance Safety Committee** (pictured above)  
**Bureau of Transportation Parking Enforcement Safety Committee** (below)



Two committees partnered to produce and implement a Point of Dispersal Plan exercise. Their “Safety Break for Oregon” event introduced the Plan to disperse an oral antibiotic to city employees and their families in the event of a bioterrorism action.

**Office of Management and Finance Internal Business Services, Facilities Division;  
Top Safe Driver Award**

Vincent Scott Simon, Facilities Maintenance Technician, was chosen for his initiative and willingness to provide outstanding service. He has demonstrated that defensive driving tactics and safety are highest priorities.

Vincent Scott Simon receives his Safe Driver jacket award from Mayor Adams





**Portland Bureau of Transportation  
Parking Enforcement Division  
Safe Driver Award**

Pamela Harris was given this award for her outstanding safety record, achieved during nearly 25 years as a Parking Enforcement Officer.

The Mayor quipped “She’s given me some of my best tickets”.

Pamela Harris  
with Mayor Adams

**Portland Police Bureau Safety Champion  
Award**

Elise Levens was recognized as a safety champion for her years of work toward improving the safety culture for all bureau employees. Development of facility safety checklists and inspection and improvement of first aid kits in patrol cars are two of many accomplishments.

Elise Levens with  
Mayor Adams



**Portland Police Bureau  
Significant Reduction in Losses Award**

This award was presented to the Police Bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the categories of general liability, fleet liability and Workers’ Compensation expenses.

Mike Kuykendall,  
Services Branch Director,  
receives the award from  
Mayor Adams





### **Bureau of Emergency Communications Outstanding Safety Committee Chairperson Award**

Stephanie Solomon-Lopez (not pictured) was recognized for her achievements during her years working as chairperson of the bureau safety committee. She has improved communication and organized effective safety committee operations while helping to resolve a wide range of safety concerns.

Toni Sexton accepted the award on behalf of Stephanie Solomon-Lopez from Commissioner Amanda Fritz

### **Portland Fire and Rescue Top Safe Driver Award**

Jeremy Fraijo was honored for stepping up to pilot a new aerial platform that was larger and much more challenging to operate than equipment previously in use. He is a mentor to other members of his station and models safety awareness in all activities.

Jeremy Fraijo with  
Commissioner Fritz



### **Portland Fire and Rescue Significant Reduction in Losses Award**

This award was presented to the bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the categories of general liability, fleet liability and Workers' Compensation expenses.

Todd Keathly, Fire Battalion Chief and Safety Officer, received the award from Commissioner Fritz



**Portland Water Bureau  
Outstanding Safety Committee Chairperson  
Award**

Ashley Schaer was recognized for her contributions as chairperson of the Interstate Safety Committee during 2011. Her enthusiasm and organization skills have had a positive effect on committee members and bureau employees. She ensured that safety deficiencies were identified and tracked to expedite resolution.

Ashley Schaer with  
Commissioner Fritz



**Portland Water Bureau Safety Champion  
Award**

Steve Schenk (not pictured) was named safety Champion for his efforts to develop an action plan and training schedule to enhance first aid and hazardous material training.

Chris Wanner accepts the  
award from Commissioner Fritz  
on behalf of Steve Schenk



**Portland Water Bureau  
Safety Champions Award**

Rob Brinkman, Ashley Schaer and Tom Gogas (not pictured) were recognized for their work developing and launching a Confined Space training video. The focus is on emergency rescue procedures and is used for refresher training for Water Bureau employees.

Rob Brinkman and Ashley Schaer  
with Commissioner Fritz





### **Portland Water Bureau Safety Committee Award**

The Bull Run Safety Committee is currently focused on inspections, pre-job planning and teamwork as tools to improve safety culture. They have also worked to develop emergency response procedures to deal with events that could occur in remote areas of the watershed.

Members representing the committee with Commissioner Fritz

### **Portland Water Bureau Safety Committee Award**

The Interstate Safety Committee represents all of the bureau's field forces stationed at the Interstate facility. Pedestrian and vehicle safety are critical issues and the committee has made progress toward increasing awareness of the many potential hazards.

Members representing the committee with Commissioner Fritz



### **Portland Water Bureau Safety Committee Award**

The Portland Bureau Safety Committee was honored for promoting safety in the building that houses many City offices. Inspections and an annual safety event as among the groups accomplishments.

Members representing the committee with Commissioner Fritz



## **Portland Water Bureau Industrial Ergonomic Solutions Award**

Linn Arnold (not pictured) and Ron Drath received this award for their efforts to reduce repetitive motion pain and injuries that meter readers were experiencing when lifting heavy lids. They developed a light weight device to aid in lifting that is a significant improvement and will reduce employee strains and stress.



Ron Drath with  
Commissioner Fritz



## **Portland Water Bureau Partners in Prevention Award**

Employees from the Bureau of Environmental Services, the Bureau of Transportation, the Purchasing Department and the Water Bureau all worked together to expedite urgent repairs to a major water facility, the Barbara Gibbs Pump Station.



## **Portland Water Bureau Top Safe Driver Award**

Pete Schluneggar works at the Sandy River Station and drives a variety of equipment in the Bull Run Watershed, including dump trucks and snow plows. In his eight years there he has never had an accident while dealing with hazards like steep, narrow roads heavy snow and downed trees.

Pete Schluneggar with  
Commissioner Fritz



### **Portland Water Bureau Significant Reduction in Losses Award**

This award was presented to the Water Bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the categories of general liability and Workers' Compensation expenses.

Bureau Director David Shaff  
With Commissioner Fritz

### **Bureau of Environmental Services Safety Champion Award**

Dave Baylis was presented this award for his vigilance in protecting and ensuring the safety of both contractors and bureau staff. His skills in planning and suggesting methods to make work safer have had a significant impact on project safety.

Dave Baylis with  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman



### **Bureau of Environmental Services Outstanding Safety Committee Chairperson**

Veronica Ferguson received this award for her efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the bureau's safety program. Development of a new Incident Report Log to better define incidents and provide better communication to all appropriate parties.

Veronica Ferguson  
with Commissioner Saltzman



**Bureau of Environmental Services  
Outstanding Safety Committee Chairperson**

As chairperson of the bureau's Design and Construction Safety Committee, Steve Hawkins has been active in moving the certification process forward toward success in Oregon OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. He is developing a checklist for sink hole response to ensure worker and public safety, a key action item for program success.

Steve Hawkins with  
Commissioner Saltzman



**Bureau of Environmental Services  
Safety Champion Award**

Josh Nault worked on safety issues related to the Fanno Creek and Multnomah projects, where there were many hazardous exposures to the public, employees and contractors. His efforts had much to do with the safety success of these projects.

Josh Nault with  
Commissioner Saltzman

**Bureau of Environmental Services  
Safety Champion Award**

Tom Pfeiffer committed to improving the Material Testing Lab, initiating regular safety meetings, establishing hazard analysis and material safety data sheets and working to obtain specialized equipments to improve safety within work processes.

Tom Pfeiffer with  
Commissioner Saltzman



### **Bureau of Environmental Services Partners in Prevention Award**

The Wastewater Group and the Engineering Services Group have worked together to address hazards affecting divergent groups of employees while working on construction projects.

Bob Yaghmaie, Bryan Davis and Mike Lombardi with Commissioner Dan Saltzman



### **Bureau of Environmental Services Design Construction Safety Committee Award**



This well blended group continually exceeds safety committee regulatory requirements. They undertook a number of successful safety initiatives resulting in improved safety awareness.

Members of the committee received the award from Commissioner Saltzman

### **Bureau of Environmental Services Safety Committee Award**

The East Side Combined Storm Overflow Safety Committee formed as a partnership to represent contractors and bureau construction staff. A primary goal is to utilize pre-construction safety planning to ensure a safe work environment, which has produced excellent contractor safety records and certification under Oregon OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program.

Representatives from Kiewit Bilfinger-Berger and the Environmental Services Bureau with Commissioner Saltzman





**Bureau of Environmental Services  
Wastewater Group Safety  
Committee Award**

This committee has contributed to the bureau's safety culture by performing monthly, detailed safety inspections and updating safety policies

Members of the committee with  
Commissioner Saltzman

**Bureau of Environmental services  
Partners in Prevention Award**

The Safety Sponsor Committee was recognized for providing upper management overview of work group safety committees and employee safety needs.

Committee members with  
Commissioner Saltzman



**Bureau of Environmental Services  
Significant Reduction in Losses Award**

This award was presented to the bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the categories of general liability, fleet liability and Workers' Compensation expenses.

Dean Marriott, Bureau Director  
with Commissioner Saltzman



### **Bureau of Development Services Safety Committee Award**

The Wastewater Group Safety Committee earned this award with accomplishments like performing monthly, detailed facility safety inspections and updating bureau safety policies.

Members of the committee  
with Commissioner Saltzman



### **Bureau of Development Services Partners in Prevention Award**



The Bureau of Internal Business Services, G4S Secure Solutions, Portland Police, the City Attorney's Office, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Development Services worked together to stop threats and deter potential violence against employees.

### **Bureau of Development Services Top Safe Driver Award**

Driving is a daily part of Forrest Gill's job responsibilities, and has been for the past 17 years. He is known as a consummate professional with an outstanding record who places an emphasis on Safety.

Forrest Gill with  
Commissioner Saltzman



### **Portland Parks and Recreation Safety Champion Award**

Alex Salazar (not pictured) was recognized for his work planning and developing intensive safety training for Seasonal Maintenance workers, and for advancing the bureau's safety culture.

Eileen Argentina accepted the award on behalf of Alex Salazar, from Commissioner Nick Fish



### **Portland Parks & Recreation Industrial Ergonomic Solutions Award**

This team worked to re-design bollards used on city trails. Their efforts produced a bollard that is both lighter and has handles, which makes lifting and carrying them much easier for employees, reducing potential injuries.

Mart Hughes, Cindy Wright and Sicily Sardino with Commissioner Nick Fish

### **Portland Parks & Recreation Dishman Response Team Life Saver Award**

Employees of the Dishman Center responded to a swimmer in distress, using emergency response procedures to save the man's life. Teamwork and dedication are hallmarks of the group and their efforts are appreciated by the community and the bureau.

Evan Lilly accepted the award on behalf of members of the Dishman Center Aquatic staff





### **Portland Parks & Recreation Service Zones & City Nature Safety Committee Award**

This committee was recognized for advancing safe work practices for industrial operations throughout Portland Parks & Recreation properties.

Members of the committee with  
Commissioner Fish

### **Portland Parks & Recreation Recreation Safety Committee**

This committee works to ensure safety for employees and citizens, monitoring both worker injury reports and Guest Accident Reports to identify risk trends. They advance improvements in procedures and generate recommendations for staff training.

Members of the committee accept the  
award from Commissioner Fish



### **Portland Parks & Recreation Significant Reduction in Losses Award**

This award was presented to the Bureau for achieving a significant reduction of losses during 2011 in the category of fleet liability expense.

Mike Abbate, Bureau Director  
receives the award from  
Commissioner Fish



City Risk Manager  
Kate Wood provided closing remarks.

She praised the important safety gains made throughout the City in 2011, and thanked the Mayor, Council and employees for attending and promoting the health and economic benefits of a strong safety culture.

