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Employees of the Year and others honored in State of the City presentation

OSHKOSH, Wis., March 29, 2022 – The 2022 Oshkosh State of the City video/virtual presentation is now available on the [Oshkosh Media YouTube channel](#). The program features the State of the City Address presented by City Manager Mark Rohloff, as well as Employee of the Year recognition, Citizen Service Awards and Community Partnership Awards. The program debuted last night on the city’s cable TV and streaming platforms, and it can also be viewed with replays on [Oshkosh Media Gov TV](#).

Two city employees were presented with Employee of the Year recognition for their proactive reaction to a situation that could have resulted in a loss of safe drinking water. The two employees independently noticed a problem within the water distribution system. A contractor boring for a utility company hit an eight-inch water service on the southwest side of Oshkosh. This resulted in significant water loss through the broken pipe, and almost drained a water tower completely.

One staff member, Kodi Parker, was observing the construction of a sanitary sewer nearby and noticed the utility contractor having issues with water. The other staff member, Wendy Hamilton, was operating the Water Filtration Plant and noticed the water levels in the nearby water tower rapidly dropping. Both of those staff members immediately contacted appropriate Public Works staff members, which started a rapid response to manage the situation. By the actions of Kodi, Wendy, and all involved, Oshkosh was spared from a greater crisis. Their professionalism and urgency earned them this recognition.

The city also recognized the Oshkosh Food Co-op, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights with Community Partnership Awards. A total of ten individual citizens were also recognized for their volunteer work on the city’s board and commissions. For more information about State of the City, please contact Communications Coordinator Andy Radig at (920) 236-5269.

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