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Allen Persons Named Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year

Plainfield, IL -- The Chicago Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) selected Plainfield's Director of Public Works, Allen Persons, as the recipient of the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award. Mr. Persons was recognized for this achievement at the Chapter's Awards Luncheon on March 24th.

Allen Persons has worked for the Village for 23 years, beginning as a Water/Wastewater Operator, then serving as Superintendent of the Water/Wastewater Division. He currently serves as the Director of Public Works. When Allen began working for the community, Plainfield had a population of only 3,000 residents. The water system consisted of two wells, two water towers, and 20 miles of 80 year old water main. The sewer system consisted of 18 miles of old sewer main and one 0.75mgd wastewater plant and the roadway network was deteriorating and traffic congestion and safety issues required attention.

The Village now has 40,000 residents and Allen has led the Public Works Department through a period of high growth which included the construction of hundreds of miles of new water main, sanitary sewer, and roadways, 15 million gallons of water storage, a new Wastewater Treatment plant, and a state-of-the-art Public Works Facility. Allen also brokered an agreement to convert the Village from a deep well system to Lake Michigan Water, eliminating the Village's radium compliance issue in the process.

Mr. Persons' leadership and service is an asset to the Village of Plainfield and the Department of Public Works.

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