

**From:** [Strickland Jr., Carter H.](#)  
**Subject:** Weekly Pipeline - Extra Edition - Employees of the Month for October  
**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 2:28:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---



Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor  
Carter Strickland, Commissioner

WEEKLY

# PIPELINE

EXTRA

November 28, 2012

Volume III • Issue 151B



## DEP Employees of the Month for October 2012

**T**he Employee of the Month program recognizes DEP staff members that have exhibited outstanding personal effort, and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the people of New York City.

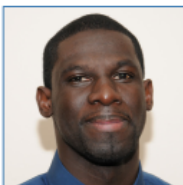
DEP is a great agency that delivers services that millions of New Yorkers depend on daily. Making good on that daily promise requires the dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees at DEP. To nominate someone who has demonstrated uncommon dedication and excellence, fill out the nomination form with some basic information, such as the nominee's responsibilities, examples of extraordinary performance, and ways candidates set an example for others. The form is available on Pipeline, and you'll need to submit it by the tenth day of each month. For more information, email Herb Roth at [hroth@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:hroth@dep.nyc.gov).

The Employees of the Month for October, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on November 28 with Commissioner Strickland, received a certificate, and had their names added to the Employee of the Month Board on the 3rd and 19th floors at Lefrak and at the Kingston Office. These men and women set a standard for all of us to emulate and appreciate.



### Water and Sewer Operations - Lunior Bernard

Lunior began her career with DEP in January 2007 and she currently works in the Hansen Analysis Unit where she monitors metrics and performs quality control on data updates to the bureau's computerized maintenance management system. Lunior plays a significant role in the implementation of the FDNY hydrant inspection program and has helped to train FDNY staff on how to enter data into Hansen. She also works closely with fire companies in Brooklyn to ensure that the data entry process is carried out smoothly and trouble free. In coordination with bureau management and the Office of Information Technology, she has worked on developing and implementing various Hansen workflows including the creation of degreasing work orders for Field Operations. The automation of this work resulted in efficiencies and improvements in the bureau's proactive approach to sewer maintenance. In addition, she is also the H<sub>2</sub>O coordinator for Distribution Operations. In this role, she works with senior staff to collect and chart critical data and prepare it for H<sub>2</sub>O stat reports.



### ACCO - Qusicy Barry

Qusicy began his career with DEP in 1996 and currently serves as a Project Administrator in the Agency Chief Contracting Office. He was introduced to DEP when he was a High School Cooperative Education Student and returned to the agency on a full-time basis after completing his education. For the last year, Qusicy has worked tirelessly to develop and implement an agency-wide comprehensive procurement and contract tracking system (known as PACT). This effort included the consolidation of many previously existing databases and the development of workflows to incorporate additional information so that a contract is tracked from start to finish, including time extensions, change orders, payments and Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise information. The system also allows for user designed reports and automated award and time extension letters. PACT also automatically populates the DEP web site with bid information that is available to the public. PACT is user friendly and available to all agency employees. Thanks to Qusicy's exemplary work, PACT has become a staple at DEP.



#### Police and Security - **Scott Drangel**

Scott began his career with DEP in August 1984 and currently serves as a Supervisor Electrician in the Bureau of Police and Security, Division of Emergency Response and Technical Assessment (DERTA). Scott is an integral part of the Bio Watch program and is responsible for setting up all the generators, mobile command centers and laboratories that are used during special deployments such as the U.S. Open and United Nations General Assembly. He has always been a selfless employee, willing to meet any needs. This was evident last year with the fire at the North River Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the wiring of the Lefrak Emergency Operations Center for Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. Scott's skills are in high demand, and he assists other city agencies including the Office of Emergency Management and the NYPD with various electrical needs. During Hurricane Sandy, Scott worked tirelessly with little to no sleep, in adverse weather conditions and in areas without power, to wire generators, heaters and other electrical devices in facilities such as hospitals and evacuation shelters in all five boroughs, including New York University's Langone Medical Center, Coler Goldwater Specialty Hospital & Nursing Facility on Roosevelt Island as well as DEP's Police Precinct in Grahamsville.



#### Wastewater Treatment - **Luis Carrio**

Luis began his career with DEP in January 1977. He serves as an Administrative Engineer and recently led his in-house staff in the production of comprehensive energy audits of six wastewater treatment plants. He also coordinated the efforts of AECOM, a consultant working for DEP, in the production of energy audits at the other eight wastewater plants. These audits resulted in the development of energy conservation measures at each facility that will reduce energy consumption, potentially saving millions of dollars annually from the Bureau of Wastewater Treatment's expense budget.



#### Engineering, Design and Construction - **Nayankumar Shah**

Nayan began his career with DEP in December 1993. He serves as an Administrative Engineer and has a successful track record of resolving complex construction issues and closing out projects in a timely manner without compromising quality. Two recent examples of projects successfully completed by Nayan are the Paerdegat Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facility and the Wards Island Primary Sludge Reconstruction Project.

Nayan is currently the bureau's Accountable Manager for construction activities at Wards Island, where he is overseeing contract work valued at more than \$300 million, including the replacement of bar screens at the Manhattan and Bronx grit chambers, slated for completion next spring, and the Biological Nitrogen Removal upgrade of the treatment plant, scheduled for completion in January 2013. This past summer, Nayan oversaw the completion of work months ahead of schedule on the Primary Sludge Reconstruction contract, an important federally-funded economic stimulus project.

Nayan also served as Accountable Manager on the \$210 million Paerdegat Basin CSO Facility, successfully overseeing substantial completion of work this past August. The facility, located on Jamaica Bay in Brooklyn, conveys CSOs to the Coney Island treatment plant during non-peak flow or rain events, thereby reducing discharge to Jamaica Bay by approximately 70 percent. As Accountable Manager, Nayan oversaw construction of administrative and processing buildings, as well as the installation of force mains, centrifugal and grit pumps, odor control equipment and bar screens, along with modifications to existing, and construction of new, influent channels and outfall structures.

### **Commissioner's Award:**



#### **Water and Sewer Operations - Thomas Anello**

Tom is the Queens Borough Manager for BWSO's Field Operations Division. Due to his outstanding performance during the Hurricane Sandy disaster—before, during, and after the storm—Tom is being recognized with the Commissioner's Award. Specifically, Tom worked tirelessly to plan for the hurricane by having his team inspect and clean problematic areas throughout the vast borough of Queens and made certain that the bureau had the necessary resources on hand. When the event hit, Tom had Queens in a state of readiness.

During the storm, Tom worked long hours, both in the field and in the office, to personally manage important response details. He remained on site in the Rockaways working with crews to ensure emergency water and sewer work was completed to help the devastated neighborhood recover. Tom also was involved in keeping critical equipment operational and targeted at the locations it was most needed. He remained in constant communication with management, keeping all informed of progress on the ground.

Tom's dedication and commitment is highlighted when one realizes that his own home sustained damage, and yet he still managed to work tirelessly every day to help the people of Queens.

### **Commissioner's Award:**



#### **Wastewater Treatment - Oakwood Beach**

During Hurricane Sandy, the Operations staff at the Oakwood Beach treatment plant worked diligently through dangerous conditions to protect the community and the environment. Because the Oakwood Beach drainage area is separately sewered, there are no relief outfalls like there are in a combined sewer system. If the plant were to shut down, millions of gallons of sewage would back up into thousands of homes. By early evening on October 29th, Sandy's storm surge began filling the local sewer system, causing flow rates at the plant to spike. The operations staff began running as many pieces of equipment as they could to pump and treat as much sewage as possible to keep up with the rush of water. To compound the situation, there were a series of Con Ed voltage dips that periodically knocked equipment out of service, and plant crews worked quickly to reset electrical systems and restore operations. At the height of the surge, the plant itself became an island, as the surrounding community was completely inundated. Though the operations staff was stranded, they continued working throughout the night, dealing with extreme flows and debris that continually jammed the screening equipment. While some sections of Staten Island were badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy, the remarkable efforts of the Oakwood Beach Operations staff helped to reduce health and environmental impacts by continuing to convey and treat sewage.

**Oakwood Beach Operations staff:** Douglas D'Angelo, Jay Deinstadt, Jay Heidelberg, Paul Inverso, Jayati-laka Konara, Joseph Lama, Jason Lane, Anthony Legato, Edward Muench, James Perez, Todd Riben, Francis Robisky, Phillip Rocle, Christopher Styles.