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# WEEKLY PIPELINE

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## DEP Employees of the Month for July 2011

**T**he Employee of the Month program recognizes DEP staff members that have exhibited outstanding personal 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 requires dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees of DEP. To nominate someone who has demonstrated dedication and excellence, fill out the nomination form with some basic information, such as the nominee's responsibilities of extraordinary performance, and ways that they have set an example for others. The form is available on Pipeline, and submit it by the tenth day following the end of the month. For more information, email Herb Roth at [hroth@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:hroth@dep.nyc.gov).

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



### Police and Security - **Joseph Galli**

Officer Joseph Galli began his career with DEP in June 2003 and currently serves as an Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) based out of the Grahamsville Precinct. EPO Galli patrols and secures the water duct against environmental crimes and terrorism threats as part of his duties. He has participated himself in his interactions with members of the public. Recently he assisted a fisherman Reservoir that had fallen and was bleeding profusely from a facial laceration. He administered for an ambulance and checked on the condition of the subject several days later. The subject impressed by his professionalism that they have written several letters of appreciation, as has that he has assisted in the past. His interactions with the public as he patrols the watershed reflection on DEP and a credit to the Agency.



### Engineering, Design and Construction - **Floren Ansley**

Floren began her DEP career in October 2010. She is a member of the In-House Design – Structure and the Bureau of Engineering Design and Construction (EDC). For the past year Floren has been involved in various initiatives and sustainability plans for the Throgs Neck Pumping Station and the Newtown Creek Chlorine Reduction Project.

She is currently designing site plans which will support the construction of Shaft 6B and the Branch Bypass Tunnel. This work involves developing designs for construction on a property approximately 100 feet, includes storm water, shaft/tunnel-ground water, and sanitary water treatment. The site presents substantial challenges to successfully implementing construction. The Bypass involves meeting the challenges of understanding and complying with the environmental requirements of New York State and upstate towns that will be reviewing and approving construction plans.

Recently, Floren attended a meeting with NYS DEC to present the site concepts for the shaft. She communicated the plans for the project to the community and answered all questions and concerns.



### Wastewater Treatment - **David Prestigiacommo**

David began his career with DEP in February 1986 and serves as a Stationary Engineer Electrician working at the North River treatment plant since its commissioning in 1986. On July 20, 2009, the plant when a four-alarm fire started in the engine room, rendering the plant inoperable and causing millions of gallons of raw sewage to bypass into the Hudson River. While the FDNY was putting out the fire, David shaved his beard and getting fitted for a breathing respirator, so that he could get right back in the plant to help restart pumping. When a valve in a flooded area needed to be opened, David was able to raft through sewage to help open it. The valiant and remarkable efforts of David and his team got the plant running in less than two days, and full secondary treatment restored by the fifth day. David worked consecutive days of 13 to 16 hour shifts, stabilizing many critical plant operations thereby preventing further damage.



### Customer Services - **Michael Roach**

Michael began his career with DEP in June 1989 and manages the bureau's Universal Meter Reading. Michael is responsible for the day-to-day field troubleshooting for the Automated Meter Reading. Since 2009 he has been supervising four vendor contractors who have been installing and repairing thousands of AMR transmitters.

During the AMR vendor contractor selection process, Michael learned about several systems to operate these systems alongside DEP Water Use Inspectors. As a result, Michael's input was a key factor in the decision making process and he became very proficient in the particulars of the selected system. He has trained staff and troubleshooting problems. The AMR project is the most recent achievement in his 22 year career at DEP.

## Commissioner's Award:



### **Wastewater Treatment - North River Group**

On July 20 at around noon, a four-alarm fire broke out in the engine room at the North River t Initial assessments of the damage looked grim, with significant impacts to electrical, mechan systems. It was unclear at the time how long the plant might be shut down, and how long ur would be discharged into the Hudson River. During that week, the weather forecast was for 1 near 100 degrees, and there was concern about possibly having to limit public access to the on Coney Island and Rockaway.

Getting staff back into the building to begin repairs was a major challenge. Conditions inside room were brutal: pitch black, oppressively hot, and—with ventilation systems off line—a haz in the air. DEP EHS determined that air-filtering respirators would need to be worn by anyone the building to start repairs. Voluntarily, dozens of BWT employees lined up to be fit-tested fr Working day and night in these conditions between July 20 and 22, many getting only four hc they restored basic pumping and primary treatment within 48 hours of the fire and full second within a week.

While a few small beaches needed to be closed, the major public beaches met bacteriologic throughout the event. The citizens of New York City can thank these dedicated public servar that happen.

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Francis Alappat	Michael Henry	Michael Ricci
Courtney Anderson	Bahgat Ibrahim	Roberto Rodrigue
Jed Andrews	Carl Jeremie	Rafael Rosario
Steve Askew	Tunde Jimoh	Andy Rousseau
Ojpal Auluck	Christopher Kearney	Abel Sanchez
John Bolembach	Konstantin Kolodka	Malak Shafik
Garfield Carty	William Leonardi	Deven Shah
Solomon Chee	Yevgeniy Lerer	Dennis Smith
Siu Long Choi	Paul Lisella	Peter Spisso
Kenneth Cronin	William Major	Joseph Szabo
Jay Deinstadt	Igor Mashkovich	Chi-Chieh Tseng
Joseph Digiovanni	John Mastronardi	Charles Vann
Peter Faiello	Joseph Mortellaro	Alfredo Velazquez
Louis Fragale	Elvis Mundell	Hameshwai Wazic