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Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor  
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## DEP Employees of the Month for November 2011

The 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 dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees of 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 that they have set an example for others. The form is available on Pipeline, and you'll need to 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 November, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on December 21 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 Supply - Paul Perri

Paul began his career with DEP in September 1992 and serves as a Supervisor of the Catskill District field sampling group, which oversees sample collection within the West-of-Hudson watershed. The field team samples streams, reservoirs, keypoints and wastewater treatment plants for chemical, biological and pathogen analysis. Paul uses his strong knowledge and skills in hydrology to excel in his role in the combined field sampling group. He is truly a team player who is focused on the bureau's mission. This was illustrated recently in his work on a continuous storm monitoring system. He single-handedly built a system which monitored the effectiveness of the Stream Management Programs' best management practices to reduce turbidity in the Stony Clove sub-basin of the Ashokan Watershed. His system consists of placing equipment at three sites on Warner Creek and Stony Clove, which measures turbidity levels flowing into the reservoir. As a result, sediment levels flowing into the Ashokan Reservoir are scrutinized—allowing us to better manage the system.



### Water and Sewer Operations - Phillip Miarmi

Phillip began his career with DEP in February 2007. As a Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist with WSO's Mapping Unit, he quickly found a role creating and analyzing water distribution maps and data sets. Within a year of his being hired, his advanced knowledge of GIS was playing a significant role in water editing. Phillip has played a crucial role in the bureau's efforts to modernize mapping techniques and create more standardized protocols of data sharing. Over the past six months, he worked on the custom configuration of Esri GIS software to meet WSO's map editing needs. His perseverance resulted in the bureau having in-house editing capabilities and expertise that had not previously existed.



### Wastewater Treatment - **Harold Barrios**

Harold began his career with DEP in September 2006 and currently serves as an Associate Project Manager in the bureau's Mechanical Engineering Section. Last year, Mayor Bloomberg announced an agreement to reduce the discharges of nitrogen from our wastewater treatment plants into Jamaica Bay. The schedules for implementing these improvements were very aggressive. Harold was assigned a project to install a glycerin dosing system at the 26th Ward plant by December 31, 2011. Not only was the short timeframe challenging, but coordination with concurrent construction at the plant complicated this particular job. Harold prepared design specifications and directed multiple contractors to successfully finish this critical project during November, in advance of the deadline.



### Customer Services - **Sylvester Cherry**

Sylvester began his career with DEP in July 1996 and currently works in the bureau's Collections Unit as a Collections Representative. His responsibilities include meeting with customers who have questions about their water bills or are having difficulty paying their bills. Sylvester meets with customers and reviews bills to explain charges and discusses various programs that may help them meet their obligations. At a recent outreach event, Sylvester dealt with a very emotional customer and was very patient and sympathetic. At the end of the interview process the customer wanted to speak with Sylvester's superiors to express her gratitude and appreciation for the way he had handled her very sensitive situation. It is this rare quality that makes Sylvester an especially valuable employee.



### Environmental Compliance - **Carlstein Lutchmedial**

Carlstein began his career with DEP in November 1987 and currently serves as the Director of Asbestos Enforcement where he investigates asbestos-related issues citywide. From building collapses to illegal asbestos dumping and illegal removal, Carlstein searches out the sites and makes sure that New Yorkers are protected from this hazardous material. He participates in and directs staff in emergencies and handles very complex cases. He has won a myriad of accolades and honors from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FBI and various city district attorneys where he assists in criminal investigations and appears as an expert witness.

Recently, Carlstein has coordinated the Inspection Module for iPads project, which is used to provide real time access for the bureau's programs directly to the field inspection teams. The project has received the 2011 Excellence in Technology Award issued by the NYC Department of Information Technology.

## **Commissioner's Award:**



### Police and Security: EPOs **Shaun Adams** and **Brian Einsfeld**

Officer Shaun Adams began his career with DEP in September 2008 and Officer Brian Einsfeld in September 2009. They currently serve as Environmental Police Officers (EPO) based out of the Grahamsville Precinct. On the night of November 19, the DEP Police were called to assist in locating a distraught individual who had left her home on foot in an unknown direction. EPOs Adams and Einsfeld responded to the call and used a handheld thermal imaging unit to scan the heavily wooded area in freezing temperatures. They identified an object giving off a faint heat signature, indicating a possible target. Tracking the source through the wooded area, the officers followed the heat signature and found a semi-conscious person lying in the woods. They immediately treated the individual for hypothermia and provided comfort until emergency medical personnel arrived. Because of EPOs Adams' and Einsfeld's quick and thorough actions, the woman is now recovering from the incident and a tragedy was avoided.