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City of Germantown SPIRIT Award Nomination

Employee's Name: Jeremy Perkins

Department: Public Works

Division: Water "Utility Locater"

Nominator's Name: Danny Hutcheson

I am submitting Jeremy Perkins as a deserving recipient of the SPIRIT Award. Jeremy is an excellent representative for the City of Germantown. He has been an outstanding employee for the City of Germantown for 12 years. Jeremy spent 5 years with the City as a Maintenance Worker on the Sewer Department before transferring to the Water Department in 2007. Jeremy has worked on the Water Crew as a Maintenance Technician working on all types of Water Mains, Service Lines, Fire Hydrants and learning the particulars of how a Water Distribution System operates. After 4 years working with the water crew Jeremy was promoted to Utility Locater. Utility Locater may not sound like a tough assignment but it is one of the most difficult and important jobs on the water department. Jeremy is responsible for locating and marking water and sewer lines around the entire City. ALL contractors including, Comcast, AT&T, M,L G &W, and multiple boring crews and building contractors as well as Germantown Crews depend on Jeremy to accurately locate and mark Water and Sewer lines. If Jeremy fails to accurately mark a Germantown Utility and it is damaged by a contractor then Germantown is liable for the cost of the damages and repairs. It is an exhausting job and takes someone with not only the skills but the desire to accurately mark the utilities and protect the Cities Infrastructure.

Service Excellence:

Jeremy receives thousands of Utility locate requests annually and always goes above and beyond to Insure that the Cities Utilities and resources are protected.

Producing A + Results:

Jeremy is the only City employee that is required to locate Germantown Utilities every day. When he receives a locate request Jeremy utilizes all of the Cities resources to make sure that the Utilities are accurately located and clearly marked. Often times he will schedule a meeting with the particular company requesting the locate and review their plans and make sure that he understands the work they are doing and how Germantown's Utilities might be affected.

Initiative:

Often times Jeremy will see a contractor working and stop and check to make sure that they have the proper Utility Locates. He doesn't wait until they damage the Utility he addresses the situation before they begin excavating or boring.

Responsible:

Jeremy is extremely meticulous when addressing a locate ticket. He pays close attention to every detail and does not assume anything. He is aware of the potential hazards and destruction that could occur if a Germantown Utility is damaged. An example would be loss of Water for a section of the City or Sewage backing up inside a home or business even damage to roads and storm drains.

Innovative:

He researches new equipment that could help identify Underground Utilities thereby lessening the possibility of a Germantown Utility being damaged.

Teamwork:

Jeremy definitely sets the example for Teamwork. He is quick to stop what he is doing and assists other crews and departments in all situations. He has worked with and assisted just about every Public Works Crew at sometime. He has also worked with the Development Department on numerous jobs helping to locate and mark Germantown Utilities during new construction or the redevelopment of existing buildings and roads.