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Public Works Visibility: How to be Recognized as First Responders



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Do You Consider Yourself A First Responder?

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Yes!

In 2003, President George W. Bush issued Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) officially recognizing public works as first responders.

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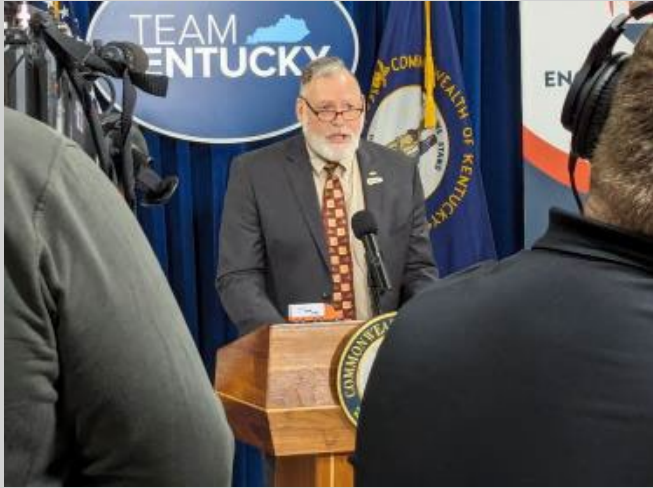
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ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS ROADSHOW INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS



- February 14, 2025** – I-95 Design Build Project in Miami Florida
- October 19, 2024** – Gulf Intracoastal Waterway West in Belle Chasse, LA
- August 29, 2024** – Clear Creek Canyon, Golden, Colorado
- Feb. 22, 2024** – Northwest Valley Infrastructure Project in Phoenix, Arizona
- Jan. 29, 2024** – Mountain Parkway Expansion in Frankfort, Kentucky
- September 19, 2023** – Able Pump Station in Dallas, Texas
- March 24, 2023** – The Shed at Main Street Station in Richmond, Virginia
- Nov. 28, 2022** – Long Beach International Gateway Bridge, California

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What Can You Do?

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Does Your Firm or Agency Celebrate National Public Works Week?

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National Public Works Week

May 19 - 25, 2025

 Theme and Poster

 Downloads

 Proclamations

 How-To Guide

 Virtual How-To Guide

 Social Media



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APWA / ASCE / CMAA Awards & Accreditation



Sawyer Camp Trail: Historic Lower Crystal Springs Dam Project Receives "Project of the Year" Award

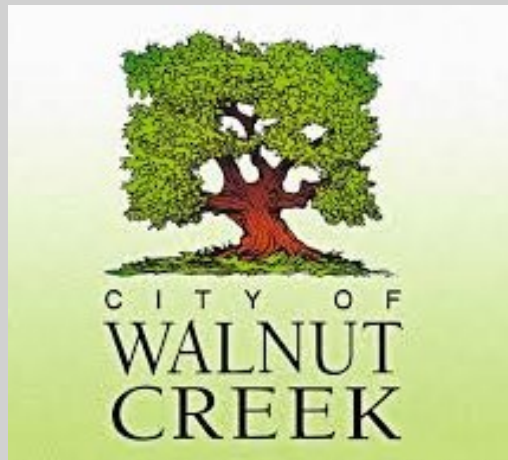
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How Do I Get There?



Communication and Relationships



The Impact of Public Works

While Police, Fire, and EMS are often the three most recognized first responders, Public Works are also often silently there, providing vital support to emergency response

We are First In and Last Out

Timeline of Public Works First Responder

In 2003, President George W. Bush issued Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) officially recognizing public works as first responders.

In 2010, Mississippi, under House Bill (HB) 664, recognized public works professionals as first responders.

In 2017, the APWA Board of Directors approved the adoption of a national “Public Works First Responder” symbol for use throughout North America to identify public works personnel and acknowledge their federally mandated role as first responders.

In 2019, the US Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (S.Con.Res.15), “Expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2019, as Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day.” Public works is specifically included.

In 2022 New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu signed into law SB325, formally recognizing public works employees as first responders.

In 2022, New Hampshire passed HB 536, “An Act relative to death benefits for public works employees killed in the line of duty, and relative to workers’ compensation offsets for certain retirement system benefits.”

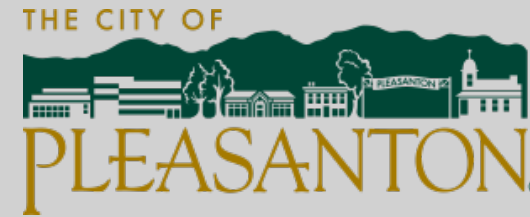
Public works is often considered “the silent arm of public safety” ... usually without fanfare. Public works professionals are often the first on scene and the last to leave the scenes of disasters—no matter the peril.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) lists public works alongside police, fire, and public.

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Public Works collaborated with Police and Fire to Proclaim that Public Works Employees are recognized as First Responders on May 7th, 2024, at the City Council meeting in front of Council Members, the Pleasanton Executive Team, and Residents.

A collage of images showing various public works activities, including workers on a road, a fire truck, and a group of people at a meeting. The collage is set against a blue background with a sunburst pattern.

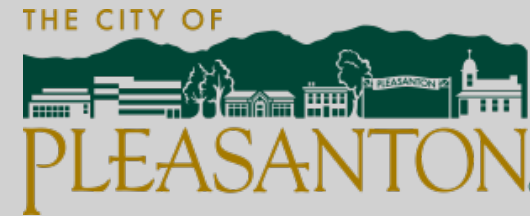
Public Works Week
Staff Appreciation Lunch

May 21, 2024
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fire Tower

The logo for the City of Pleasanton, featuring a green silhouette of the city skyline with a church steeple, and the text "THE CITY OF PLEASANTON" in gold.

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RE: Water Line Construction Management Support



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Thanks guys I appreciate you guys seeing if you can help.

Sincerely

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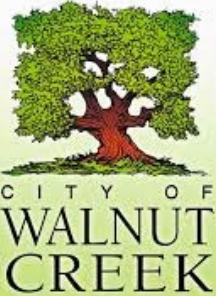
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CITY OF BURLINGAME PUBLIC WORKS EXPO



Thursday, August 29, 2024
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

On Park Road next to Pet Food Express
In conjunction with the Burlingame Fresh Market

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with the City of Burlingame Public Works Department's big trucks, exciting equipment, and visit our public outreach booths to learn more about Public Works services!

www.burlingame.org/publicworks



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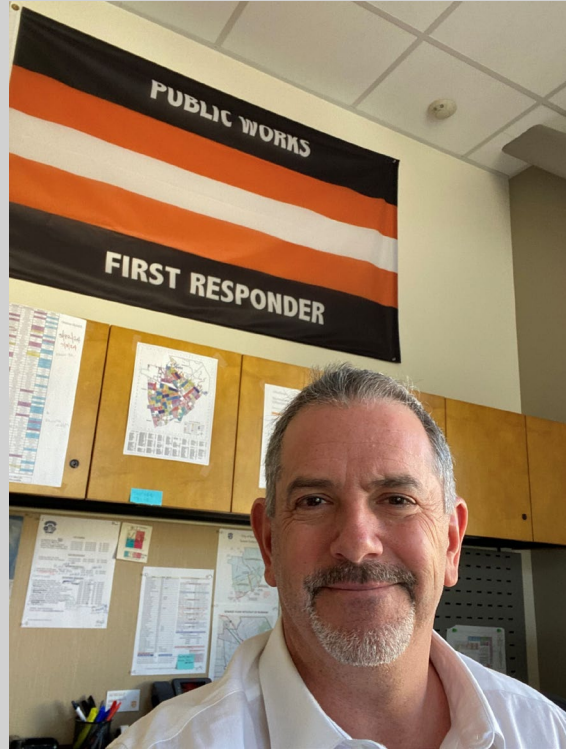
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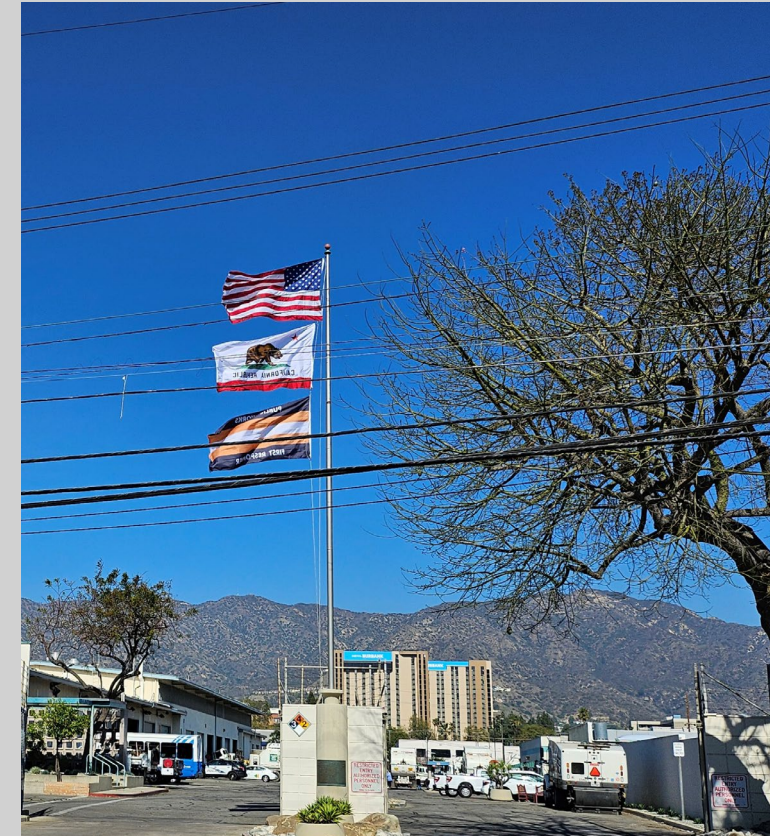


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What Else is Your Agency or Firm Doing to Promote Public Works Visibility / First Responder?

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