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CITY OF NORFOLK WATER DIVISION HONORED WITH NUMEROUS AWARDS AT AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Established in 1881, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international non-profit, scientific and educational association founded to improve water quality and supply. The City of Norfolk is just one of nearly 50,000 members of the association. In early November, the City of Norfolk Water Division was recognized at the AWWA Conference in Kearney, receiving numerous awards for their efforts through the year.

The Norfolk Water Treatment Plant prides itself in providing safe, clean drinking water for the citizens of Norfolk. Due to the continued improvement in the field of safety based on accidents, prevention, and training, the Water Division received the Nebraska Section AWWA Safety Award during the conference.

Awarded to only one Nebraska Water System per year is the American Section AWWA Cross Connection Control Program Award. The City of Norfolk was recognized with this award based on a review of areas of control which include: enforcement, device testing, record keeping, and field surveys.

“The best thing about receiving this award is the fact that it’s a team award,” said Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Chad Roberts. “A few years ago, the City of Norfolk made some changes on the community surveys which allowed us to receive 100% feedback of all active connections surveyed.”

Another prestigious recognition from the AWWA conference is the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Operator of the Year Award. Once a year, the Department of Health and Human Services presents this award to one operator that performs work above and beyond the definition of an operator. This person has an outstanding work ethic, works in a safe manner, and always has a focus on providing safe, clean drinking water. This year, the award went to water and sewer utility worker, Ron Nitz.

“The entire team at the city water plant is committed to producing and delivering high quality water to our homes and businesses. These awards are recognition of the hard work and dedication the staff brings to their jobs,” said Public Works Director, Steve Rames.