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# News Release

## Stoughton Utilities

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### **STOUGHTON UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES**

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 4, 2016 - Stoughton Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2015. The utility earned the first place award in the category for utilities with 15,986.75 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. Aaron Haderle, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and Superintendent of T&D Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, presented the award on April 4, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Safety is and always will be our industry's top priority," said Haderle. "Each of these utilities should be proud of the work they've done to make public power communities across the country safer."

More than 250 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards, which is among the highest number of entrants in the history of the program. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2015. The incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2015, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“We at Stoughton Utilities are proud of the service we provide to our customers,” said Robert Kardasz, Director of Stoughton Utilities. “But above all else, we are proud of our safety record—proud that we do everything we can to send our people home to their families each and every night.”

The Safety Awards have been held annually for the last 56 years. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities.

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