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**Utilities Department Recognized Nationally for Safety**

PALM BAY, Florida – For the second year in a row, the Palm Bay Utilities Department was recognized by the United Safety Council (USC) for its commitment to safety. Awards were presented at the USC's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Awards Banquet held in Orlando on January 13, 2012. The local water and wastewater utility received a Gold Safety Achievement Award in the small company category which includes private and public companies from across the nation with 500 employees or less. The gold designation is the highest recognition given by the USC in this category, and it is presented to companies that excel in the following areas: safety committee activity, senior management commitment, employee involvement, written safety and health programs, inspection programs, and mishap investigation.

The USC is a non-profit, non-governmental safety and health training organization dedicated to improving quality of life. The organization is headquartered in Orlando and has become an international safety training agency working to promote safety in homes, on the road, in schools, businesses and industrial facilities.

“Providing a safe work environment for our employees enables them to deliver the valuable services we offer to the community more efficiently and effectively,” stated Dan Roberts, Utilities Director.

Palm Bay Utilities Department initiated an Environmental Management Program known as GreenWay in 2008, which led to the department being certified under the ISO Standard 14001:2004 Environmental Management System. The GreenWay program incorporates an extensive safety program for employees within the organization, which includes training and monthly awareness meetings to ensure continual focus and improvement to each employee's work environment. In addition, the Utilities Department has initiated the integration of the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z10 safety management system. Fully implemented, the safety management system will provide an additional level of awareness, training and commitment to employee safety.

“This award demonstrates the level of commitment our organization as a whole has towards safety,” continued Roberts.

For more information about the Palm Bay Utilities Department and its safety program, please visit [www.pbud.org](http://www.pbud.org) or contact Dan Roberts, Utilities Director, at (321) 952-3410.

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