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### **City of Port St. Lucie Utility Employee Honored by State Association**

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (August 16, 2016) – An 18-year employee in the City’s Utility Systems Department was recently recognized by Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association for his expertise in backflow and cross-connection control.

Glen Cockrell, Cross-Connection Supervisor and Class C Water Plant Operator, was named the FWPCOA recipient of the 2016 Theodore Kamien Award at the Annual State Short School awards luncheon on August 10.

Mr. Cockrell was honored for his outstanding dedication to backflow and cross-connection control. He joined Utility Systems in February of 1998 as a Meter Reader and moved up through the ranks to his current position as Cross-Connection Supervisor. During his 18-year career here, Glen has furthered his education and training by becoming a certified Membrane Technology Specialist, Cross-Connection Control Program Manager, Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair and Maintenance Technician, to name a few.

“Glen is one of the most hard-working people I have ever met. He is the heart of our back-flow protection program,” said Alane Sisilli, Utility Systems Department Safety and Training Coordinator. “He knows everything there is to know about cross connections.”

The purpose of the FWPCOA is to protect the health of the citizens and preserve natural resources. They accomplish this by advancing the professional status of water and wastewater operators, providing a licensing system and arranging training programs.

Port St. Lucie Utility Systems employees are dedicated to leading the water and wastewater utility industry by protecting our environment and natural water resources, relying on innovative operating and maintenance processes, and providing the highest possible level of support for our customers.

*The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: [www.cityofpsl.com](http://www.cityofpsl.com)*



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