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DOW employees honored for commendable service and outstanding teamwork

LIHUE - The Department of Water (DOW) recognized eleven employees, including 2 recipients of the Department's "Employee of the Year" awards during the Kaua'i Board of Water Supply's (KBWS) February Board meeting held via teleconference on Feb. 24.

Darwin "Zoom" Bukoski and Terrilyn Amorin were announced as the Department's 2021 Employees of the Year for demonstrating sustained excellence in their performance and dependability throughout the year.

"Congratulations to Zoom and Terrilyn on this excellent achievement and to the crew members for their commitment to service. We thank you all for your hard work and significant contributions to the Department." said KBWS Chairperson, Julie Simonton.

An excerpt from Zoom's acknowledgement and KBWS resolution no. 22-12 writes: "He accepts the greater responsibility and goes above and beyond his job duties to keep the water flowing. Zoom was one of two personnel that dropped everything over the weekend and hiked through muddy terrain to replenish dwindling water disinfection chemicals and perform electro-mechanical repairs in Hanalei, Wainiha, Hā'ena after the areas were isolated due to a landslide on Kūhi'ō Highway."

Terrilyn is described by her DOW colleagues in KBWS resolution no. 22-13, as a "dependable and reliable employee that always goes above and beyond in assisting both billing and accounting sections and other divisions when needed." She has also spearheaded the Department's annual participation in the Kaua'i United Way fundraiser, Foodbank food drive collections and the Salvation Army's Angel Tree.

"Our employees continuously perform above and beyond their job duties to provide dependable service for customers from Kekaha to Hā'ena," said DOW's Manager and Chief Engineer, Joe Tait. "It is my pleasure to congratulate these employees for their diligent efforts put forth every day serving customers and their teammates."

DOW's Kreig Medeiros, Darren Horner, Ryan Fu, Stetson Raposas, Reid Samio, Jeffrey Silva and Michael Mack alongside Water Service Supervisor, Chris Nakamura and Field Operations Superintendent, Virgil Kapanui, were altogether acknowledged in appreciation for their outstanding teamwork, superior performance and dedication to the Department and to the communities they serve. The crewmembers demonstrate teamwork on the job completing timely repairs and maintenance to water mains and service laterals, conducting upgrades to cross country lines; some located at 240' elevations, installing fire hydrants, valve maintenance, clay valve piping,

performing traffic control and more. Pipefitter Leads, Jeffrey Silva and Michael Mack were also highlighted for their safety, wisdom, knowledge and guidance for their crews.

“We received many compliments from residents commending these crew members for their excellent service and team efforts therefore, it is an honor to recognize them today,” said Manager Tait. “They work in many uncertain situations including long hours and hazardous weather to keep water service on. I would also like to thank their families for their understanding of the time spent away from them, sometimes not knowing what time they will come home.”



Terrilyn Amorin
DOW Employee of the Year 2021



DOW awards Amorin and Bukoski
as 2021 Employees of the Year



Darwin "Zoom" Bukoski
DOW Employee of the Year 2021



(left to right) DOW Manager, Joe Tait, KBWS Vice Chair, Gregory Kamm, DOW's Virgil Kapanui, KBWS Chairperson, Julie Simonton, DOW's Darren Horner, Stetson Raposas, Chris Nakamura, Jeffrey Silva, Reid Samio, Ryan Fu, Michael Mack and DOW Deputy Manager, Judy Hayducsko.

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