



Village of Skokie

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Skokie Public Works Department Earns APWA Re-accreditation

The Village of Skokie Public Works Department recently earned re-accreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA) after a three-day site visit by a team of public works professionals from across the country. A formal award presentation will be made at a future Village Board meeting.

“APWA re-accreditation is acknowledgement that the work done by our Public Works employees meets rigorous national standards,” said Mayor George Van Dusen. “I congratulate Public Works Director Max Slankard, the Public Works staff and all Village Departments that contributed to this achievement.”

Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni added. “I am especially proud that two of Skokie’s programs, *Tree Inventory* and *Solid Waste Plan*, are now designated as model programs for all APWA-affiliated agencies. With only 60 accredited public works agencies in the entire United States, and only six in the state of Illinois, the Skokie Public Works re-accreditation is another example of our commitment to best practices in all areas of service delivery.” The department originally earned APWA accreditation in spring 2003 and re-accreditation in 2006.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as water, solid waste management, street/sewer repair and maintenance, engineering, building maintenance and vehicle maintenance.

Skokie was the first municipality in the nation with professionally accredited Police and Public Works Departments and a professionally accredited, ISO Class One-rated Fire Department.

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, with an office in Washington, D.C.

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Awards and Distinctions

All America City Finalist

American Public Works Association
(APWA) Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation for
Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Commission on Fire Accreditation
International (CFAI)

Fitch IBCA AAA Financial
Bond Rating

Gold Level Clean Air Counts
Community

Governor's Hometown Award

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Association Certificate of
Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting

Insurance Services Office (ISO)
Class One Fire Department

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Tree City U.S.A. Distinction