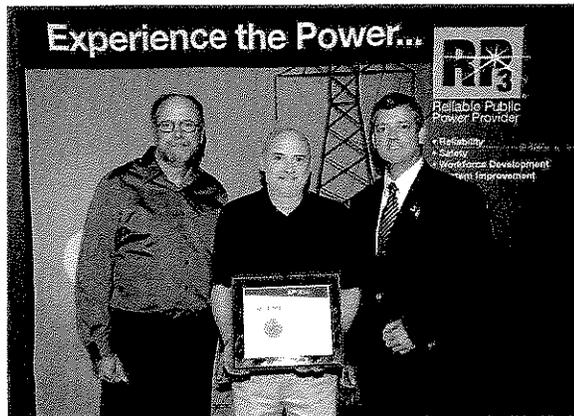


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**MENASHA UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD  
FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES**



*Menasha Utilities Safety award winner pictured with Marlin Bales, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and supervisor, Colorado Springs Utilities, (left) Lonnie Pichler, Menasha Utilities, Electric and Water Supervisor and Mike Hyland, APPA senior vice president of engineering and operations (right).*

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 7, 2014 – Menasha Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2013. The utility earned a first place award in the category for utilities with 40,720 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. Marlin Bales, chair of the APPA Safety Committee and supervisor, Colorado Springs Utilities, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, presented the award on April 7, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Oklahoma City, Okla.

“In our line of work, safety is the top priority,” said Bales. “Without safety, we can’t serve our customers to the best of our abilities. This award recognizes utilities that have their priorities straight.”

More than 285 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards, which is 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 2013. 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 2013, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“We at Menasha Utilities are proud of the service we provide to our customers,” said Melanie Krause, General Manager of Menasha 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 54 years. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities.