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**CITY OF ROCKFORD EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR
EXCELLENCE**

Rockford, IL –On Friday, December 3, 2010, Mayor Larry J. Morrissey honored City of Rockford employees in their annual “Excellence Everywhere” recognition ceremony.

The “Excellence Everywhere” employee awards program recognizes extraordinary accomplishments by the City of Rockford employees and employee teams. It is our opportunity to bring to the forefront those employees that act as leaders in exemplifying our City’s team values. A.C.T.I.O.N. (Accountability, Customer Service, Team, Innovative & Open, and Never Give Up).

Department Heads and managers nominated over 150 employees for recognition. A neutral selection committee made the final recommendations of the award recipients.

Recipients of the awards are as follows:

Accountability Award:	Doug Passmore-Fire 911
Accountability Group Award:	<i>Street Maintenance and Forestry Supervisors</i> Harry Noble and Brandon Larson
Customer Service Award:	Brenda McGaw-Human Services
Customer Service Group Award:	<i>Rockford Police Department Community Services Officers</i> Pat Hoey, Karol Fricke, Jeff Andrews, Cindy Smith, Aaron Lesmeister, Elizabeth Hughes
Team Award:	Kwame Calvin-PW Property & Traffic Division

Team Group Award: *Rockford Fire Department Accreditation Committee*
Captain Michele Pankow, Chief Steve Preiss, Chief
Jim Strey, Elizabeth Russell

Innovative & Open Award: Glenn Lamb-Community & Economic
Development

Innovative & Open Group Award: *Project Facelift*
Charles Schaefer, Christine Breitfuss, Barbara
Brown, Cyndie Hall, Glenn Lamb, Brandon Larson,
Mark Stockman, Aaron Lesmeister

Never Give Up! Award: Andrea Hinrichs-Community & Economic
Development

Never Give Up! Group Award: *Public Works Forestry and Sweeping Crew*
Brian Jacobi, Steve Mangruen, Steve Farra, Myron
Cattage, Joe Rayford, Chic Wowk, Derrick Cross,
Christina Loudermilk

A.C.T.I.O.N Award: Father William Wentink-Police and Fire Chaplain

A.C.T.I.O.N Group Award: *Pilot Police District Committee*
John Pozzi, Kim Binder, Richard Gambini, Doug
Pann, Kurt Whisenand, Eddie Torrance, Kevin
Gulley, John Hoeksema, Mary Ogden, James Lake,
Mark Sander, Leroy Armendariz, David Nicosia,
Vince Kelly, Facilitator Don Williams

In addition to the A.C.T.I.O.N. awards, 129 employees received recognition for their
years of service with the City of Rockford.

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