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LELWD GM Named to Board of National Organization

Nick Lawler, general manager of the Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments, has been elected to serve in a leadership role for a national public power advocacy organization.

Lawler will serve on the board of director's for the American Public Power Association, which represents not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. Lawler was elected in June during APPA's National Conference in Austin, Texas.

"LELWD has a long history of working cooperatively with the APPA and I'm honored to be taking our partnership to the next level by serving on the board of directors," Lawler said.

Association board members are chosen to represent 10 geographic regions across the country.

Lawler's election to the APPA board is just one way LELWD and its leadership has been at the forefront of advocacy on the national and regional level.

LELWD participates in the APPA's Mutual Aid Network, which coordinates with utilities and authorities during widespread power outages.

Littleton Electric Light Department received the Mutual Aid Commendation from the APPA for sending mutual aid crews to restore power in hurricane-ravaged areas in 2017. LELD led mutual aid convoys of New England public power utilities to restore electricity in parts of Florida and the Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Also, three LELD commissioners were recently honored by the Northeast Public Power Association for leadership and long-term service to a public power utility. NEPPA recognized Lawler and former General Manager Scott Edwards for their leadership in organizing mutual aid response following the 2017 hurricane season.

LELWD has been providing reliable power to the towns of Littleton and Boxborough, and clean drinking water to the town of Littleton for over a century. LELD consistently ranks among the lowest residential electric rates in the state.