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The Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments has received national recognition for safe operating practices in 2020. LELWD earned an honorable mention from the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices.

"We are honored to receive this recognition as the criteria is extremely high," said LELWD General Manager Nick Lawler. "This award reflects the high standards we have set for the workplace to maintain the health and safety of our employees.

It is the first time LELWD has been recognized for this workplace safety honor, which is based on total worker hours versus number of injuries in a year. LELWD was among 329 utilities from across the country that entered the annual Safety Awards.

Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2020. 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 2020, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Among LELWD's 39 employees representing more than 88,000 worker hours, just one day away from work was reported in 2020.

"Utilities that receive an APPA Safety Award have demonstrated that they have made the health and safety of their employees a core value," said Brandon Wylie, chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Director of Training & Safety at Electric Cities of Georgia. "Designing and maintaining a top-notch utility safety program takes a lot of hard work and commitment. These utilities and their communities should be very proud."

Wylie recognized award winners during the morning Awards Presentation at the [2021 Engineering & Operations Virtual Conference](#) on Wednesday, March 24.

The Safety Awards have been held annually for the last 65 years. APPA represents not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

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