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Saint Matthews Public Works Supervisor Terry Ridgeway Named 2013 City Employee of the Year

Covington, KY- Saint Matthews Public Works Supervisor Terry Ridgeway has been named the 2013 City Employee of the Year by the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC).

More than 400 people attended the KLC Awards Brunch on Friday, October 4, which recognized the City Employee of the Year, the Elected City Official of the Year (Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer) and the Enterprise Cities Awards that go to city programs or projects.

The City Employee of the Year Award brings recognition to city employees who perform their duties at a distinguished level to improve their local government and community. An independent panel of city officials and employees selected Ridgeway as the winner among more than 20 nominations. The City Employee of the Year Runner-up was Debbie Buckley, Renaissance Manager/Economic Development Director from the City of Fort Thomas.

"KLC is proud to recognize Mr. Ridgeway as the City Employee of the Year," said KLC Executive Director/CEO, Jon Steiner. "He has dedicated his professional career to the City of Saint Matthews and is an outstanding representative of the more than 20,000 city employees across Kentucky who work behind the scenes everyday keeping our cities going strong."

Ridgeway was nominated by Mayor Bernard Bowling and members of the city council who cited his important role in the success of Saint Matthews day-to-day operation, his commitment to efficiency and quality, his outstanding management skills and his "unparalleled" commitment to customer service and working with the public. He was commended for his cost-efficient and visionary approach to his job in the city and his willingness to go beyond his job description to help colleagues. Many of his employees describe him as a father figure and role model.

Councilmember Mary Jo Nay said, "Terry prefers to be behind the scenes to avoid recognition for the wonderful job he does for the people of our city."

A local business owner wrote in the nomination, "Terry Ridgeway IS Saint Matthews."

This is the fifth year for the KLC City Employee of the Year Award. This year, the awards were sponsored by Fowler Bell, LLP law offices. Previous City Employee of the Year Award winners include Paducah City Engineer/Public Works Director Rick Murphy (2009), Morgantown Police Chief Billy Phelps (2010), Maysville City Engineer Sam Baker (2011) and Owensboro Operations Manager Tony Cecil (2012).

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