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GLSWA Recognizes Public Works Professionals as First Responders!

During the first full week in May, Public Service Recognition Week, we will celebrate our staff and their service at the local government level.

Our staff works to ensure safety of water ways through the public sewer systems and ensures the local ordinances for critical infrastructure is followed, maintains the sewer system and responds during emergency situations from sewer outflows to flagging for MissDig.

In 2003, President George W. Bush officially recognized public works professionals as first responders when he issued Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8). Public works is often considered the silent arm of public safety. Public works professionals are often the first on the scene and the last to leave the scenes of disasters.

We are reminded that public works professionals are always there to ensure government operations return to normal as quickly as possible.

On October 28, National First Responders Day, GLSWA will also recognize our staff. Our staff works continuously, providing vital services to protect and restore essential services during emergency situations. Often our team works silently addressing emergency responses with no expectation of recognition.

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