

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works

TO: Charles F. Soules, P.E. Public Works Director
CC: Tim Cast, Street Division Supervisor
FROM: Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director
DATE: August 17, 2017
RE: Public Works Street Division Staff Compete in Annual Snow Rodeo

Background

The Public Works Street Division recently competed in the annual Kansas American Public Works Association Snow Rodeo. Each year the Kansas Chapter of the APWA holds an equipment skills competition, known as a snow rodeo. Operators compete in a variety of events using a two-man snowplow, motor grader, and front-end loader.

The objective of the Rodeo is to provide training for the Kansas Community Public Works crews and individuals in preparation for the snow season. It also promotes safety, communication, cooperation, and friendly competition between communities throughout Kansas.

The event consists of operators navigating a piece of equipment through an obstacle course designed to incorporate several real-life situations that these operators would encounter while performing their duties during a snow event. As part of the competition, the operators must also complete a written test that covers the operation and safety of each piece of equipment. Operators hone their skills while gaining hands on experience.

During this year's competition, ten of our maintenance workers "Team Lawrence" competed with two of them earning awards.

Caleb Pettengill placed 3rd in both the motor grader and snowplow categories.
Arlie Watts placed 3rd in the snowplow category.



Team Lawrence



Caleb Pettengill – 3rd Place Motor Grader



Caleb Pettengill & Arlie Watts – 3rd Place Snowplow