



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Waste ReSources Award Winning Staff

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Recognize Robert Landis, Mark Clawson, and Kris Carpenter for placing first in the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) equipment rodeo.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to recognize staff for winning the conference competition.

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) hosted a Truck Road-E-O recently in Bend Oregon at the Deschutes County Landfill and accepted participants from Oregon and Washington, calling it the 2019 Northwest Road-E-O. The conference included driver training classes; written driver exams; federal Department of Transportation (DOT) pre/post trip inspection training and testing; and a driver competition in three divisions including roll-off, front load, and automated side load waste collection trucks.

The City of Olympia represented the conference with Robert Landis testing in automated side load, Mark Clawson in roll-off, Kris Carpenter in front load, and Donald Ragsdale as a volunteer judge for the course competition and DOT inspections.

After determining each division's top drivers, they then combine all divisions together to crown the overall top driver in the whole conference. The overall winner received a Road-E-O champion's trophy with the driver's name, and respective organization's name engraved on it. The winner recieved tuition to compete in the annual national SWANA Conference.

**Division Results:**

- Robert Landis, 1<sup>st</sup> place, automated side load division
- Mark Clawson, 1<sup>st</sup> place, roll-off division
- Kris Carpenter, 1<sup>st</sup> place, front load division

**Overall Top Drivers at conference:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place- Kris Carpenter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Mark Clawson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Robert Landis

City of Olympia swept the whole event in all divisions, and finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in overall Top Driver.

It was a great opportunity for staff to learn more about their jobs, make connections with others in the industry, and find new ways to enhance safety and improve operational efficiencies. These kind of trainings bolsters team comradery, creates a sense of ownership, and promotes safety in an entertaining way. It also validates the importance we (the City) place on our Driver Safety Training Program to reduce accidents/incidents (i.e. International Academy of Professional Drivers).

Congratulations to Kris, Mark, and Robert.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

N/A

**Options:**

No action required - Special Recognition

**Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Photograph of Staff