



## UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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### News Release

## Public Works' Teams Excel in Competitions

**November 15, 2013, Monroe, NC** – Three Public Works' Field Services teams made strong showings in the operations challenge and pipe tapping contests held at this year's North Carolina American Water Works Association and North Carolina Water Environment Association Conference.

Public Works had two teams participate in the operations challenge. Winners of the operations challenge are determined by a weighted point system for five events, collection systems, laboratory, process control, maintenance and safety. Each event is designed to test the diverse skills required for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities, their collection systems and laboratories.

The Sewer Rats team of Captain Josh Carpenter, Matt Hargett, Matthew Morris and Jody Harvey, placed first in the collections and laboratory events. These two first place finishes were catalyst in the team winning first place overall and the Best in State title. Another team, the Predators, made up of Captain Tony Helms, Todd Graham, Josh Griffin and Bill Deese, placed second in the process control event and fourth overall.

Public Work's entered a water tap team for the first time this year, and the Hole Punchers, Coach Junior Honeycutt, Captain Chuck Derrick, Lee Dillon, Brian Helms and Brent Davis, placed third overall in this state-wide competition.

Placing Best in State entitles the Sewer Rats to represent North Carolina at the Water Environment Federation's Technical Conference next September in New Orleans. This is the leading conference in the world for water industry professionals, with a membership of over 150,000 and conference attendance averaging 20,000.

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