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Press Release

Union County Public Works Earns Second and Third Place in NC AWWA-WEA Competitions

Monroe, NC (December 1, 2015) - Union County Public Works scored podium finishes in the Operations Challenge and Pipe Tapping Contests at the 95th Annual North Carolina American Water Works Association Water Environment Association Conference in Raleigh. The state-wide competitions were extended to all utility organizations in NC.

The Union County Sewer Rats, comprised of Matt Hargett, Brett Fisher, Jody Harvey and Josh Carpenter, scored third-place honors in the 15th Annual Operations Challenge. The contest consisted of five events which test the skills required for operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities, collection systems and laboratories. The Sewer Rats have a history of strong performances in this event. They finished in third place in 2014 and won the competition in 2013.

The Union County Shockers, made up of Jon Smith, John Helms, Lee Dillion and Brian Helms, finished runner-up in the 29th Annual Pipe Tapping Contest. Water tapping is a high-energy challenge involving a race against time to drill into a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe and install a tap. The Shockers finished in third place in 2014.

Established in 1881, the American Water Works Association is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world's most important resource.

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