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City of San Diego Sanitation Driver Named Tops in the Nation

FIRST FEMALE DRIVER TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

SAN DIEGO – The [National Waste & Recycling Association](#) (NWRA) today announced the winner of the organization’s Driver of the Year Award, naming City of San Diego driver Diana Heath as the nation’s top municipal sanitation driver. The award was presented during the sanitation industry’s annual [2019 WasteExpo](#) in Las Vegas, NV.

“My sincerest congratulations to Diana Heath on this incredible honor,” said San Diego Chief Operating Officer Kris Michell. “She wholeheartedly represents the City’s commitment to excellence in customer service and sets an example for others to follow. We truly appreciate her dedication to our City and our residents.”

Heath was recognized for her many contributions to her job, including a notable record of zero traffic accidents over the span of her career. She has been with the City for 21 years and has operated a variety of trucks, including one of the City’s new Compressed Natural Gas vehicles. Throughout the years, Heath has earned recognition by the City for her commitment to customer service.

“We are proud of Diana’s selection as National Driver of the Year and the dedication and professionalism she has shown during her time as a waste collections driver,” said Environmental Services Department Director Mario Sierra. “She is an excellent example of our department’s focus on safety and customer service.”

This is the second year in a row that a City of San Diego driver has won this award. Sanitation Driver Roger Bronner brought home the award last year as NWRA’s 2018 Driver of the Year.

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