

District 7 News

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Hampton and Orangeburg counties

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Aiken Maintenance wins local fitness challenge

The Aiken City Cup Corporate Fitness Challenge serves as a common ground for small and large companies, as well as, government, education, and professional organizations to meet in friendly competition.

The competition promotes healthy lifestyles, friendly competition, boosts employee morale and provides community exposure, leadership skills and personal skills.

The event was held May 19-21 at the H.Odell Weeks Center in Aiken.

Events included volleyball, shuffleboard, bocce ball, racquetball, horseshoes, ladderball, cornhole, table tennis and more. Aiken Maintenance has participated for three years and took first place this year.

Congratulations to Aiken Maintenance, 2015 winners of the Aiken City Cup Corporate Fitness Challenge!



Aiken Maintenance employees pose with the trophy after winning the Aiken City Cup Corporate Fitness Challenge.

Bamberg gets top safety, excellent QMT awards

During the 2015 Engineering Conference Bamberg Maintenance was awarded the Top Safety Award. The unit won in the small unit category. Orangeburg Maintenance won the large unit category. The units were rated on OSHA lost work day case rate, SCDOT lost work days, vehicle accidents, Accident frequency rate, Backing accidents, equipment accidents and the OSHA incident rate.

Bamberg Maintenance, under the leadership of Bobby Crider, has rated excellent during three consecutive Safety Quality Management Team (QMT) inspections. Crider credits his staff's quality work, commitment to safety, and excellent customer service for this achievement.



Efrem Dantzler and Bobby Crider celebrate Bamberg Maintenance after getting the top safety award and three consecutive excellent QMT inspections.

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Baskins recognized for 30 years of service



DEA Jo Ann Woodrum, right, congratulates District Traffic Engineer Ems Baskin on 30 years of service

Ems Baskin reached a milestone of 30 years of service with SCDOT in January 2015. Baskin began his career with the SC Department of Highways and Public Transportation in 1985 as an Assistant Research Engineer. He was promoted into the Headquarters Traffic Engineering section in 1987 and supervised various offices.

Baskins' engineering and management experience at SCDOT involves 18 years in the field at District level assisting the DEA, 10 years at headquarters in Traffic Engineering and includes time cross training in construction, as well as, time in the materials and research lab.

Baskin became District Traffic Engineer in the Orangeburg District 7 office in 1996 and continues to serve in that capacity.

Baskin, a graduate of the University of SC, has a BS in Civil Engineering and achieved registration as a professional engineer in 1992. Baskin resides in Cameron with his wife and three daughters. He and his family attend and are very active at Four Holes Baptist church. Baskin enjoys spending time with family, tries to live a healthy lifestyle and strives to be a good Christian husband, father, engineer, and employee.

Congratulations Ems!