

NEWS RELEASE:

At this year's annual conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 16, 2021, one of the highlights of the 26th NSPMA & 51st South Carolina SPMA Conference was the announcement of the National School Plant Manager of the Year award recipient.

We are honored to announce that the winner of the 2021 National School Plant Manager of the Year award is Anthony V. Amiano, CEFM, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the Berkeley Heights Public Schools, New Jersey. Mr. Amiano is in his 22nd year of his current position with a total of over 41 years in school facilities operations and management. Anthony has a great rapport with his staff of 35 serving six schools. He understands every role in his department since he served in that role at some point in his career. He displays exceptional managerial skills, endorses best practices, is consistently proactive in maintaining 60 year old district buildings, and keeps abreast of current industry trends.

Anthony has been recognized for his years of community service, facility knowledge and professionalism while working with the Department of Public Works, Recreation, Police and Fire to achieve and implement community improvements; such as Township athletic fields by the mayor of Berkeley Township. He doesn't stop there; he has been a facilities resource for the local Girl Scouts and church.

Anthony was a dedicated and active member of the all-volunteer Berkeley Heights Fire Department since the age of 18. His service to the Township as a fire fighter has only broadened his skill set as a leader in facilities management. There is nothing more natural to Anthony when it comes to being a volunteer fire fighter; he comes from a long family of fire fighters. He has taken his role as a family fire fighter volunteer seriously; from achieve position of fire fighter, lieutenant, and captain, Department President, Licensed Fire Official and Township Fire Inspector over 27 years. With this experience it is understandable he has been instrumental on the Union County Arson Task Force and Liaison for the Office of Emergency Management. Being a volunteer, devoting many hours to his community and performing his Facilities Supervisor job he has maintain a wonderful family of six children with his wife, Kathy of 35 years.

Mr. Amiano in addition to his many fire credentials; he has obtain licenses as a New Jersey Certified Facilities Manager, Asbestos Inspector and Asbestos Management Planner, Commercial Pesticide Applicator and Black Seal Low Pressure Boiler Operator. Anthony has also been President of both his Union County Chapter and State of New Jersey School Building and Grounds Association since his membership starting in 1994. Helped to implement the summer Tool Box Tuesday program, set up Facebook Page and continues to help with the organizing of the annual NJSBGA – Expo.

Some of his many accomplishments in Berkeley Heights Board of Education include two referendum projects, installing solar panels on two schools, convert lighting to LED fixtures, implementing computerized maintenance system, fleet and equipment management systems, created a Fire Alarm Impairment Plan, installed/upgraded school safety and security measures with coordination of the Police Department.

Mr. Amiano was the recipient of the 2020 NJSBGA – The Facility Manager of the Year, making him a perfect recipient for the NSPMA 2021 Plant Manager of the Year Award. Congratulations!

On behalf of the NSPMA Board and Scholarship and Awards Committee, we want to thank all of the qualified candidates for this year's award. We wish them much success in their future.

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