

Congratulations to the 2018 KWWOA State Award Winners!

J. C. Chambers Award James Poindexter Award Recipient London Wastewater Plant



James is a 25 year employee of the London Utilities Commission and has spent time in various positions within the company. Hired in 1993 to the maintenance crew, he worked in the WTP from 1998 till 2003 as an operator. He moved to the WWTP in 2003 and shortly thereafter he was named plant manager (chief plant operator). James currently has the following certification: Class IV-A DW Treatment, Class III-A WW Treatment, Class II-A Dist., Class III WW Collection and Land Farm Licenses.

He has worked with KSU the past 7 years with their Aquaculture Research program to reclaim decommissioned basins at the WWTP to be used as a fish culture facility.

He works part time for the City of Livingston assisting with their WTP and WWTP needs. He also runs package treatment plants at Levi Jackson State Park & Cornerstone Christian Academy.

James is an active member of the KWWOA and is doing double duty within the Eastern Chapter, as both the Vice-President & Wastewater representative.

Earl T. Mitchell Award Recipient Jeremy Woosley Grayson County Water District



Jeremy is in charge of Water Quality & Metering for Grayson County Water District. He oversees all water quality tasks of the Distribution System such as flushing and sampling. He supervises all meter reading, delinquent account collection, service order completions that refer to meters and the management of two employees.

Jeremy also is the GPS/GIS mapping coordinator and he fills in at the WTP when needed. He is an active member with KWWOA and serves as the Central Chapter's drinking water representative.

Jeremy holds the following certifications: Class IV-A Water Treatment & Class IV Distribution.

Eugene Nicholas Award Recipient Darran Rankin Paducah Water



Darran has been employed by Paducah Water for 26 years, where he currently serves as an Engineering Tech. Darran is a Class IIID operator and takes call within the Distribution System as needed.

Darran has been actively involved in KWWOA for over 20 years and has served at both the chapter and state levels. He is currently serving as the chairperson for the Conference Committee and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Chapter. By serving in these capacities, Darran has coordinated the development of many training sessions, including those of the KWWOA Annual Conference. As training is a major part of KWWOA's mission with operator's needing multiple CEU's, Darran has played a huge role in seeing that operators have access to quality training for certification renewal purposes.

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Earl T. Mitchell Recipient - Awarded Posthumously Marvin Dossett Central City Water Treatment Plant



The KWWOA awards committee, while making its tour to interview award nominees, found out that Marvin Dossett, a nominee for the Mitchell award had recently passed away. Marvin was an operator at the Central City WTP. As a result, the committee made the decision to posthumously award the Earl T. Mitchell award to Mr. Marvin Dossett. Mr. Ron Mobley accepted in the award for his close friend and co-worker.

The committee and entire KWWOA family pass along our condolences to Mr. Dossett's family and friends.

2018 Drinking Water Plant Award Central City Water Treatment Plant Received by Ron Mobley



Ron Mobley accepted the award for Central City as KWWOA's Drinking Water Treatment Plant of the year. The Central City Water Treatment Plant is unique in that a major water purchaser was going to locate within their service area, so the plant needed to add capacity to allow for that growth. After all upgrades were in place, the new industry closed leaving the plant and system with too much treated water, therefore, allowing it to age and DBP levels to increase. Ron and his staff worked with KY Division of Water officials and consultants to determine and resolve the problems facing the system. With the assistance of the officials and some creative thinking, the plant and system were able to lower their water age and meet the strict requirements of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct's Rule.

Central City has started its own operator apprenticeship program with their local schools to hopefully supply their future operator needs.

2018 Wastewater Plant Award Glasgow Wastewater Treatment Plant Received by Jacob Billingsley & David Huffman



Jacob Billingsley accepts the KWWOA Wastewater Treatment Plant of the year for Glasgow WWTP. The plant was originally built in 1962, with upgrades in 1977, 1993, 2012 and then another major overhaul that ended in 2015. The plant is rated for 4MGD biologically, with the capability to pump 10MGD with Clarifiers that will handle 7MGD a piece. The plant is an extended aeration facility consisting of 7 aeration basins and swing arm diffusion. An interesting addition to the plant was a 7MG EQ basin (which we were happy that it was empty when we visited). The in-house lab section of the plant also received an upgrade in 2016.

The plant is staffed by three Class IV, one Class II & two Class IV part-time operators. The Glasgow WWTP's in-house lab is certified and handles their weekly & monthly KPDES samples as well as surcharge samples for local industries. With the landfill being next door, the facility is afforded a short haul for sludge disposal.