

Red Bank's Johnny Ledford Receives State Recognition for Service

RED BANK (August 2, 2023) – A Red Bank employee was honored for being one of the best in the state of Tennessee. Johnny Ledford, a thirty-one-year employee in the Public Works Department for the City of Red Bank, was the recipient of the Murphy Snoderly Award at the Tennessee Municipal League Annual Conference on Tuesday, July 25th, in Nashville.

The Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TNPWA), presents the award annually to one recipient statewide. The award's namesake, Murphy Snoderly, was an engineering and public works consultant for the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service. He believed that the "working people," who perform tasks like garbage pickup or pothole repair and without whom a city could not function properly, should be recognized for all that they do. Only operations level employees—working people—are eligible for the Murphy Snoderly Award.

Ledford began his municipal service with the City of Red Bank as a part-time laborer installing sewer lines. After approximately one year of part-time service, he was hired as a regular employee of the city. Thirty-one years later, Ledford has become a "Jack of all Trades." With his thirty-one years of municipal service with the City of Red Bank, he has progressed from a laborer to a heavy equipment operator.

What truly sets Ledford apart is his ability to complete any task presented to him. Whether it is carpentry, masonry, welding, operating a bucket truck from heights to driving commercial vehicles, he has a drive to succeed. Ledford has become a utility player over the years and is often used to fill in for critical positions such as a solid waste driver operating garbage trucks and brush trucks in others absence.

With a TDEC Level 1 certification in Storm Water Management, Ledford can perform the duties of any other job that is needed and critical for the city's daily operations. He is well respected by his peers as well as his supervisor and director. Ledford is a true asset to the City of Red Bank. He is a great benefit to the municipal operations and the type of employee managers wish they had an army of. He is a true team player with a "Never Quit" attitude and is one person who is always able to get the job done.

"Johnny Ledford is an invaluable asset for the City of Red Bank," stated Greg Tate, Director of Public Works for Red Bank. "His experience and dedication made him the obvious choice for representing the virtues this award implies. We appreciate all he does for the City of Red Bank and look forward to a continued, long relationship with him as part of our Red Bank Team."

Kimberly Strong, City of Chattanooga Public Works-Chattanooga Constituent Services Coordinator and TNPWA Vice-President, presented Ledford the award before an estimated crowd of three-hundred people. Upon receiving his award, Ledford thanked God for the opportunity to receive this award and spoke of his father, who recently

passed, who taught him the importance of a good work ethic. In his comments, Ledford stated although his father had little education, he worked hard all of his life to provide for his family. In doing so, he passed that trait to his children, which afforded Ledford the ability to establish a thirty-one-year career with the City of Red Bank Public Works Department.

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Photos Attached:

- 1 - Johnny Ledford accepting the Murphy Snoderly Award
- 2 – L-R: Johnny Ledford, Greg Tate, Director of Red Bank Public Works, Red Bank Vice-Mayor Stefanie Dalton