Roanoke Regional Equipment Rodeo 2014

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On Wednesday April 16th, the members of the Roanoke Regional Public Works Academy hosted the annual Roanoke Regional Equipment Rodeo. This year the event was held at the Salem Civic Center and was expanded to include the Industry and Public Works Expo. With a record breaking turnout of over 100 participants and volunteers the Rodeo provided a day of fun and friendly competition between the following organizations; City of Roanoke, City of Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton, the Western Virginia Water Authority, the Bedford Regional Water Authority, the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, Town of Blacksburg, Town of Christiansburg and the City of Lynchburg.

Following standardized guidelines, a total of nine separate events were simultaneously run involving the use of a backhoe, snowplow, front-end loader, street sweeper, knuckleboom truck, sidearm refuse loader, rear-loader refuse truck, mini-excavator and a zero-turn mower. The rodeo offers many benefits, including recognition of our equipment operators, exposure to best practices, experience with different equipment, emphasis on safe equipment operation, enhancement of driving and operation skills, and a boost for employee morale.

A new feature was added to the Rodeo this year, The Industry and Public Works Expo. Local vendors set up booths for networking, new product displays, service information as well as educational opportunities. It was a great way to expand our outreach to the Public Works employees.

Winners of the 2014 Roanoke Regional Equipment Rodeo

Street Sweeper

1st Place – Tim Thompson, City of Roanoke

2nd Place – Bill Jones, City of Roanoke

3rd Place – Ricky Lawson, City of Roanoke

Knuckleboom

1st Place – Sam Martin, Roanoke - Blacksburg Regional Airport

2nd Place – Jason Davison, Town of Vinton

3rd Place – Wendell Reutzel, Roanoke - Blacksburg Regional Airport

Automated Side Arm Loader
1st Place – Angela Simmons, Roanoke County

2nd Place – Sonny Andrews, City of Roanoke

3rd Place – Timothy Burford, Roanoke County

Rear Loader

1st Place – Paul Maggi (Driver), Jason Hoke (Assist), City of Salem

2nd Place – Brad Jordan (Driver), Keith Steele (Assist), City of Salem

3rd Place – Greg Hash (Driver), Antonio Moseley (Assist) City of Roanoke

Snow Plow

1st Place – Sam McKinney, City of Salem

2nd Place – Tim Benjamin, City of Lynchburg

3rd Place – Gary Harrell, Town of Christiansburg

Front End Loader

1st Place – Dale Lee, Town of Christiansburg

2nd Place – Sam Martin, Roanoke – Blacksburg Regional Airport

3rd Place – Steve Foutz, City of Roanoke

Zero Turn-Mower

1st Place – Michael Lucas, Town of Christiansburg

2nd Place – Travis Slusser, Town of Vinton

3rd Place – Todd Duncan, Town of Blacksburg

Backhoe

1st Place – Mike Mills, Western Virginia Water Authority

2nd Place – Rickie Worrell, Bedford Regional Water Authority

3rd Place – Chris Scaggs, Town of Blacksburg

Mini-Excavator

1st Place – Keith White, Western Virginia Water Authority

2nd Place – William Hardison, Western Virginia Water Authority
3rd Place – Sam Martin, Roanoke - Blacksburg Regional Airport