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Monettan nominated for state honor

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Dave Dunn in the running for Local Government Hero Award

David Dunn, a 23-year employee with the City of Monett, has been nominated for a statewide honor.



Dunn

Dunn, assistant superintendent of the Monett Public Works Department, was nominated for the honor of Local Government Hero by Shane Anderson, who heads the city's safety committee, and the Monett City Council.

The letter stated Dunn is highly respected for his public works knowledge and serves as a role model for his co-workers. It went on to note Dunn views safety as a priority and he also volunteers on the city's safety committee. He is active in the community, serving in leadership roles with the Scouts, teaching Sunday School at his church and volunteering to mentor kids in an after-

school program.

“Public Works is a job that often gets overlooked,” said Chelsea Dunn Kahlil, Dunn’s daughter. “They do every task, from picking up trash to plowing snow, [in an effort] to keep Monett clean and safe all year round. This is an award that is long overdue. There probably isn't a street or park in Monett that he hasn't had a hand in working on in some way or another.”

“My job has been a blessing,” Dunn said. “It has provided a good life for me and my family, and I consider the people I work with my extended family.”

Other nominees include Carol Rhodes, assistant city manager for the City of Columbia, and Darold Donathan, community resource officer for the City of Branson.

LAGERS' Local Government Hero Award recognizes local government workers who make a difference in their community day in and day out. The winner exemplifies LAGERS' values of dedication, respect, teamwork, integrity, excellence, communication, and accountability through their words and actions. The award is designed to recognize those employees who truly stand out among public servants.

The award finalists will be honored at LAGERS' annual meeting in October where the winner will be announced. The finalists were chosen from 22 nominees submitted from all over Missouri.