

# INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 26, 2009

**TO:** County Clerk's Office

**FROM:** Pat Kant, Personnel Coordinator  
Commissioner's Award of Excellence

**SUBJECT:** Schedule for Commissioner's Award of Excellence

Please schedule the following Commissioner's Award of Excellence presentations on the County Board agenda for **Tuesday, March 31, 2009:**

1. **HONORABLE MENTION ANNUAL WINNER** - Adam Powers, Corrections-Sergeant, Corrections; Category - Loss Prevention
2. **HONORABLE MENTION ANNUAL WINNER** - Lila Emmons, Food Service Worker I, Lancaster Manor; Categories - Productivity & Customer Relations
3. **ANNUAL 2008 WINNER** - Mary Crable, Nurse I, Lancaster Manor; Category - Loss Prevention

Thanks! If you have any questions, please call me at 441-7880.

## **SPEECH FOR COMMISSIONER'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2008 ANNUAL WINNERS**

### **FIRST, SOME BACKGROUND:**

**The County Commissioners' Award of Excellence recognizes employees who consistently provide outstanding service and work that demonstrates exemplary personal commitment to Lancaster County.**

Employees may be nominated for the award based on the following criteria: Safety, Productivity, Loss Prevention, Customer Relations, or Valor.

Nominations are reviewed by the Commissioners' Award of Excellence Committee. The committee members are representative of the various bargaining units and classified employees.

**If there are members of the Commissioners' Award of Excellence Committee present, will they please stand and be recognized.**

In 2008, Lancaster County had 1,248 regular employees. Seven County employees were honored with the 7 Monthly Awards we presented in 2008. Monthly winners receive a plaque, a \$100 Savings Bond and a Day off.

Today we are honoring an Annual Winner and two Honorable Mention Winners. Honorable Mention Winners receive a plaque, and the Annual Winner receives a plaque, 2 days off, and a \$500 Savings Bond.

### **NOW, FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2007 ANNUAL AWARDS:**

**Will the following people please come forward? - (award each person separately)**

## **Honorable Mention Awards:**

### **Adam Powers - Corrections**

Adam Powers was nominated by Sgt. Donald Brandt in the category of Loss Prevention and won the Commissioners Award of Excellence for the month of May 2008. Adam works as a Corrections-Sergeant with Lancaster County Corrections Department. Adam saved the county tax payers nearly \$13,000. In Spring 2008, the Corrections Department needed to replace ten composite SCBA units (air tanks) which had reached their expiration dates, and Adam Powers arranged the donation of 10 steel air tanks (and because they're steel they have no expiration dates) and 2 fully functioning SCBA packs from the South West Volunteer Fire Department. The air packs will replace the outdated air packs at Corrections' work release facility. Purchasing 10 air tanks would have cost the County approximately \$5,000 and purchasing the air packs would cost approximately \$4,000 each. The only cost was a \$230.00 hydro test to ensure the air tanks are safe. Adam's initiative saved the county tax payers nearly \$13,000.

### **Lila Emmons - Lancaster Manor**

Lila Emmons was nominated by her supervisor Marlene Walenta in the categories of Productivity and Customer Relations and won the Commissioners Award of Excellence for the month of January 2008. Lila is a Resident Assistant (Food Service Worker I) with Lancaster Manor and helps out as an escort for the residents to doctor appointments when needed. Mental Health Services at Bryan/LGH sent a note to Lancaster Manor regarding Lila's caring and gentle ways which says: "Your employee, Lila Emmons, accompanied one of your residents to our mental health emergency department. We want you to know how helpful, cheerful, and patient she was. We thank you, not only sending someone to accompany the client, but such a one as this." We are proud to say that Lila Emmons is a member of the Lancaster Manor team.

## **Annual Award:**

Mary Crable - Lancaster Manor

Mary Crable was nominated in the category of Loss Prevention for her winning entry in the 2008 Lincoln-Lancaster Goes Green Contest and won the Commissioner's Award of Excellence winner for August 2008. Mary is a Nurse I at Lancaster Manor. Her entry in the Material Waste Reduction category of the 2008 Lincoln-Lancaster Goes Green Contest was selected as the best of the Lancaster County entries by an outside team of judges. Her entry recommended a way to decrease the amount of disposable equipment needed to administer nebulizer treatments for a potential annual cost savings of over \$51,000. In addition, her suggestion would prevent approximately 6,500 pounds of waste from going to the landfill each year.

**Congratulations to all - Please join us with a round of applause.**