

2019 Everyday Heroes Recognized at APWA Conference

City of Newberg Public Works

Leo French-Pinzon and Brian Faulhaber are the perfect examples of what the APWA Everyday Hero's Award is about. They are great people to work with, cooperative with coworkers, efficient, make regular improvements to city facilities and provide outstanding customer service. In addition these two employees volunteer to be Newberg's **Santa** (Leo) & **Head Elf** (Brian) for the City Christmas Tree Lighting, Library Christmas events and this year a Sensory time with Santa. At the annual Public Works Day Brian greets local kids as "**PW Paws**".

On February 28, 2019 they took it to a higher level when at work they spotted someone climbing over the safety barrier on the Wynooski Street overpass of Hwy.18. This person intended to leap off the bridge into traffic below. Leo attempted to talk to the individual and slow them down, Brian made the call to 911; calmly and accurately providing information to dispatchers. Their quick actions allowed Newberg Police & Medics to quickly respond. Leo and Brian then remained on scene assisting with traffic control & road closures so the officers and firefighters could concentrate on the emergency. The person in crisis was safely moved off the overpass and provided support for their needs.

The ongoing level of service of Leo and Brian to their profession and their community make them 2019 APWA Everyday Heroes!

