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HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL
AND INDIVIDUAL SAFETY AWARDS

WHEREAS every year, the Safety & Working Conditions Study Committee receives nominations for individuals who have gone above and beyond their day to day job duties to improve safety.

WHEREAS the Committee decided that this years Safety Award would go to Rich McVicar of Public Safety Communications (otherwise known as "9-1-1"). Rich was nominated for his role as a "behind the scenes" safety advocate. He authored the COOP (Continuation of Operations Plan) to help assure the safety of Dane County employees, as well as the residents of Dane County. The plan provides a guide that keeps the technologies that run the 9-1-1 center viable, even in the midst of civil disturbances which includes working for the safety of the employees at the 9-1-1 center, and planning for getting to and from the office during crisis situations to assure staffing of the center at critical times. This plan included working with local law enforcement for safe passage, alternative communication methods, and many other facets too numerous to list.

WHEREAS the Safety & Working Conditions Study Committee also gives out a Departmental Safety Award. This year, the Henry Vilas Zoo won their second county-wide safety award, having previously won in 2013. The Zoo has been a consistent high performer and was able to lower all of their measurable safety rates:

- Recordable injury rate
- Days away from work due to on the job injury,
- Restricted duty assignments

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board and its Safety and Working Conditions Study Committee congratulates Rich McVicar and Zoo leadership and staff involved in making a difference in safety and the well being of others.