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City of Kenai Animal Control, Fire Department, Parks Recognized for Workplace Safety

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved City of Kenai Animal Control, City of Kenai Fire Department and City of Kenai Parks and Recreation for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“The City of Kenai is proud to expand our participation in the SHARP program as our Animal Control, Fire, and Parks and Recreation Departments join our Waste Water Treatment Plant as SHARP certified workplaces,” Public Works Director Sean Wedemeyer said. “The safety of our employees is of paramount importance, and the City of Kenai thanks Bill Nickerson and Colleen Cunanan and everyone at AKOSH for their help and hard work bringing this to fruition.”

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the department’s Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs. For more information on SHARP or to see a list of current participants, go online Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator Colleen Cunanan at (907) 269-4953 or Colleen.Cunanan@Alaska.Gov.

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