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**Birmingham Water Works Loses Employee to Homicide While on the Job**

*General Manager offers condolences to family, friends, and coworkers*

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (April 9, 2021) — Friday, Birmingham Water Works was notified by local authorities that one of its employees had been killed by a gunshot wound while on duty.

“This afternoon, one of our Distribution Maintenance Workers in our Valve Department was fatally shot and killed in the Eastwood neighborhood of Birmingham,” says BWW General Manager Michael Johnson. “We are grieving as an organization over this senseless tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.”

The investigation is being handled by the Birmingham Police Department.

*Founded in 1951, the Birmingham Water Works Board (BWVB) serves nearly 650,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. The BWVB operates four filtration plants, a certified testing laboratory, and has more than 4,000 miles of pipe in its distribution network; it ranked among the top five water systems in the United States. For more information about the Birmingham Water Works Board, media inquiries, or tours of our museum, please call 205-244-4000 or visit [www.bwvb.org](http://www.bwvb.org)*

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