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## **Birmingham Water Works to Be Inducted into *Training* Hall of Fame**

***Utility Earns Fourth Consecutive Top Ten Ranking; First Utility to Join Hall of Fame***

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (March 2, 2022) — Birmingham Water Works celebrates a decade of excellence in training in 2022, as its Training Department has ranked among the top teams in the nation according to *Training* magazine.

During the awards ceremony held Feb. 28th in Orlando, Florida, *Training* unveiled its Training Apex (formerly known as the Training 100) rankings. Birmingham Water Works landed at #7.

This is the fourth consecutive year the Training Team has placed within the top 10, which results in Birmingham Water Works earning a place in the Training Hall of Fame and becoming the first utility to earn this distinction. The induction ceremony will take place later this year.

“This honor is one that is shared amongst our Board of Directors and all BWW employees,” says Birmingham Water Works General Manager Michael Johnson. “We thrive to not only ensure the constant availability of quality drinking water to our customers, but it’s imperative that we provide our staff with top-notch on the job training to excel and exceed the expectations of providing such an essential necessity.”

Led by BWW Training, OD and Safety/Risk Management Officer Rhonda Lewis, the Training Team includes Meridith Hollins, Training Coordinator; Sam Day, Organizational Development Specialist; Marilyn Vertison, Organizational Development Specialist; LaDedra

Ruffin, Safety Representative; Morgan Dill, Risk Management Coordinator; and Joyce Perry, Risk Management Supervisor.

“We salute these best-in-class organizations for their laser-focused commitment to learning and development, their brilliance in continuing to successfully deliver training despite the ongoing pandemic, and their unwavering belief that Training Matters—and not only can it change the world, but transform it,” said Lorri Freifeld, editor and publisher of *Training*.

**ABOUT BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS BOARD:** Founded in 1951, the Birmingham Water Works Board serves 770,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. The BWWB operates four filtration plants, a certified testing laboratory, and has more than 4,000 miles of pipe in its distribution network. For more information about the Birmingham Water Works Board, media inquiries, or tours of our museum, please call 205-244-4225 or visit [www.bwwb.org](http://www.bwwb.org).

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