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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Employees Receive Two of Seven 2018 Governor Awards for Public Service

Big Stone Gap, Va.- Two Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) employees received the top honor for state employees-- a Governor's Award for Public Service. Wayne Davis and Regina Holbrook were honored at the Governor's mansion and were presented with a Commonwealth ring from the department for their outstanding achievements.

"It is my pleasure to recognize these employees for their outstanding work on behalf of Virginia citizens," said Governor Northam in a press release on June 4th announcing the awards. "Like their colleagues across the Commonwealth, these men and women strive every day to make state government work better for every Virginian, no matter who they are or where they live. With these awards, we recognize the tremendous commitment of our state workforce to the highest standards in customer and community service, innovation, teamwork and workplace health and safety."

Wayne Davis received the Career Achievement Award. Davis, a ventilation specialist and mine rescue coordinator, has spent his career dedicated to keeping Virginia's miners safe. Davis has 38 years of experience working for the coal mining industry and DMME. In that time he has developed expertise in coal mine safety and mine rescue and earned numerous state and federal certifications. Because of his extensive experience in accident investigations and mine emergencies, he has gained recognition as a mine emergency response drill coordinator and instructor within and outside of the Commonwealth. He was a member of the Island Creek Coal Company's National Mine Rescue Championship team in 1983 and coordinates the annual Virginia Governor's Cup mine rescue contest. Davis is a Tazewell County native.

Regina Holbrook received the Workplace Health, Wellness and Safety Award. Holbrook has been an accountant for DMME for 16 years. Her daily work involves ensuring that funds for all agency divisions are processed and reported within the federal guidelines. However, her true passion is healthy living. She is a walking inspiration of what it means to eat right and exercise. As the

CommonHealth coordinator for the Big Stone Gap office, she makes activities fun and educational for employees. She is an encouragement to co-workers and often provides advice on good and healthy choices. Holbrook also leads a Weight Watchers Eating Healthy in her community. Holbrook grew up in Dickenson County.

Davis and Holbrook set a milestone for DMME. It is the first agency in the Commonwealth to have two winners in one year.

The awards honor state employees in seven categories who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Wayne Davis (L) and Regina Holbrook (R) received 2018 Governor Awards for Public Service.