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Easton Utilities receives national award for community service

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8, 2020 — Easton Utilities in Easton, Maryland, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Over the past three years, Easton Utilities has made significant contributions to the local "Talbot Goes Purple" program, which was designed to engage the community and youth to stand against substance abuse. This participation has been positively acknowledged by the entire community and the Talbot County Council presented a certificate of appreciation for going "above and beyond".

Easton Utilities employees participated in Talbot Goes Purple by attending brown bag lunch seminars to understand the epidemic and how it affects the community. Magnets were distributed and displayed on fleet vehicles (and for personal vehicles for those interested). To recognize the level of support by Easton Utilities, all employees received a purple shirt, which was encouraged to be worn every Friday in September for a \$2 donation. Easton Utilities matched the funds raised from "Purple Friday" and donated the money to Talbot Goes Purple. In support of the program, Easton Utilities also decided to turn the town purple. Electric crews wrapped 152 poles with purple lights and added flood lighting to key landmarks in the community. Easton Utilities' commitment to Talbot Goes Purple was admired by the community and helped bring awareness to and fight against substance abuse.

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