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**Framingham Public Works Water Department Receives  
Outstanding Performance Award for Public Drinking Water System**

**Framingham, MA** – On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Devens Common Center in Devens, MA, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection’s (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program recognized the Framingham Public Works Water Department for its outstanding performance in 2016.

Of the seven hundred and eighty-four Massachusetts communities and non-transient, non-community public water supply systems, Framingham is one of just thirty-three to have been selected and recognized for going beyond compliance.

“Framingham’s system has achieved one of the top scores in the Consecutive System category of the 2017 Public Water System Awards Program.” stated Yvette dePeiza, MassDEP Program Director for the Drinking Water Program in the award letter to the Town. “MassDEP realizes that it is no easy task to keep up with the ever-evolving federal and state drinking water regulations. While most systems strive just to comply with the regulations, your system has put forth an extra effort for many years.” continued dePeiza.

Blake Lukis, Director of Water and Wastewater accepted the award on behalf of the Town of Framingham. “This award validates the extraordinary work our men and women accomplish every day. Whether digging trenches, changing water meters or resolving customer issues, we are committed to the best practices that will safeguard the community’s clean drinking water supply.” stated Lukis.

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