Waste Pro Garbage Truck Driver Saves Toddler After Near Drowning

On Monday, December 28th, Waste Pro driver Andy Perez proved he brings more to the community than garbage collection services. During his normal residential route in Miramar, FL, Perez heard children screaming for help at a nearby home just before 11 a.m. Perez stated, “a boy came to me and asked me if I know CPR.” Perez immediately raced into the home, where he began chest compressions and breathing air into the child’s lungs, pumping water from the boy in the process.

Perez continued CPR until paramedics arrived and took over. They were able to restore his pulse, while en route to Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital.

Two year old Bradley has fully recovered and the two met during an award ceremony held by the City of Miramar honoring Perez’s actions.

Waste Pro Ranking Grows in 2015...

Waste Pro has been named the third largest privately owned company in Central Florida, according to Orlando Business Journal’s Golden 100 Companies with revenues of $510 million.

Waste Pro’s growth and increased market share in eight Southeastern states was also recently recognized as part of Waste 360’s 22nd edition of their Industry Ranking. In its Annual Hauling and Disposal ranking, the Waste 100, Waste Pro is ranked number 10 among America’s largest waste collection companies.

Waste Pro was founded in 2001 by John J. Jennings of Longwood who has built the company into the fastest growing in the United States. “Our goal is to be the best in service, equipment and team members. Our future is very bright,” Jennings stated.

Driver Receives 3rd Safety Bonus and a New Truck

Angel Veloz, a garbage truck driver at Waste Pro’s Fort Myers, FL, division was recognized for his flawless performance for the last three years with a $10,000 Safety Award bonus, as well as a brand new rolloff truck, worth $240,000, to drive on his routes.

Veloz is a 3-time Safety Award recipient, having received the previous awards in 2009 and in 2012, making him the first in the Company’s history to do so. Presenting the award to Veloz were Lee County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Brian Hamman and Sheriff Mike Scott. Waste Pro’s Safety Program has distributed more than $2 million in Safety Awards, since the program’s creation in 2004.
Waste Pro Adds 37,000 New Customers
As we close out the year, we would like to thank all of our loyal customers for their partnership and welcome some new ones to the Waste Pro Family.

Alabama:
- Bibb County*
- Birmingham (unincorporated)
- Brent*
- Centerburg*
- Kimberly*
- Locust Fork*
- Shelby County*
- Sylacauga

Florida:
- Apalachicola*
- Archer*
- Brooker*
- Cedar Key*
- Ft. White*
- Hawthorn*
- Hollywood*
- Holmes Beach
- Inglis
- Jasper*
- Longwood*
- Orange County*
- Putnam*
- Springfield
- Town of Brantford*
- West Park*
- Windermere

Georgia:
- Bowman*
- Statham

Louisana:
- Catahoula Parish

Mississippi:
- Florence
- Franklin County
- Kilimichael*
- Lee County
- Macon*
- Meridian*
- Southaven*Town of Decatur*
- Town of Walnut Grove

South Carolina:
- Beaufort*
- Summerville*

Tennessee:
- Arlington
- Germantown

*Denotes renewals

Atlanta MRF Enhancements: In October, Waste Pro celebrated the unveiling of its newly redesigned 350,000 sq. ft. Materials Recovery Facility in Atlanta, which accepts paper, plastic, aluminum, and cardboard. The facility averages 3,500 to 4,500 tons per month.

Winter Park, FL Recycles: During the week following Christmas, Waste Pro partnered with the City of Winter Park in the hopes of reducing residential crime by providing community drop off points for packaging and cardboard boxes resulting from holiday gifts and collected more than 40 cubic yards of material.

Winter Park Police urged residents to utilize the drop off locations, as opposed to placing cardboard boxes curbside, in an effort to reduce the “advertisement” of valuable items recently received, which may invite theft and other criminal activity.

Waste Pro Assists Communities with Crime Watch Efforts:
In partnership with local law enforcement groups, Waste Pro assists in crime reduction by being trained to stay alert to unusual activities or people as they go through their daily routes. By providing additional sets of eyes and ears on a daily basis, along with their familiarity with the neighborhoods, garbage truck personnel are able to alert police to any suspicious or “out of the ordinary” activity they may witness.

Waste Pro Helps Kick Off the School Year: Waste Pro believes in partnering with municipalities in meaningful projects and events that go beyond waste collection. Kicking off the 2015 school year, Waste Pro partnered with the City of North Miami Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime and sponsored the Education Enrichment Resource Fair, in collaboration with the Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED). At the event Waste Pro donated more than 500 book bags to local children.

Waste Pro Keeps Communities Safe with 3rd Eye Technology: Waste Pro is implementing a high tech 360 degree external video system in all 1,800 heavy waste collection trucks in nine Southeastern states. The $3,000,000 3rd Eye System of advanced traffic safety equipment improves fleet driver awareness, prevents accidents, personal injury and property damage. 3rd Eye also enables remote fleet managers real time monitoring throughout Waste Pro’s footprint.

The conversion for the entire fleet should be finalized by the end of 2016. Large waste trucks are not easy to maneuver and in this industry, more than 6,000 accidents involving a waste truck occur every year. Throughout the waste industry, similar camera systems have been used to assist law enforcement personnel in determining root causes of accidents, in addition to providing evidence as to fault.

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