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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER RECEIVES AWARD

Milton, FL - Mary Beverly, public health services manager for Environmental Health with the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County is the recipient of the 2014 Environmental Award from Woodmen of the World Chapter 906 Santa Rosa. She received the award for her efforts in assisting residents of Santa Rosa County neighborhoods most severely affected by the April 2014 flood. Jimmie Melvin, Chapter 906 president, presented Mrs. Beverly with the award on March 13. It was the first time Woodmen of the World Chapter 906 had presented the award.

Heavy rains last April caused many septic systems throughout the county to fail and forced contaminated water into homes and some private drinking water systems. "Mary put on boots and waded through the contaminated water to contact homeowners and distribute health and safety information," said Sandra L. Park-O'Hara, A.R.N.P., DOH-Santa Rosa administrator. "She went above and beyond. We are all very pleased that she was selected for this award."

Mary is a registered sanitarian and epidemiologist. She holds a master's degree in Public Health and has managed the Environmental Health, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness programs for DOH-Santa Rosa since 2013.

Woodmen of the World Chapter 906 is one of almost 1,300 chapters nationwide. They are a family and community focused fraternal organization active in community service and outreach. For more information on Chapter 906, visit: <https://chapters.woodmen.org/FL906/index.cfm?show=2&wmid=10>

For more information on environmental health and other services available at the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County, visit our website at: <http://santarosa.floridahealth.gov/>

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