Wheelabrator Technologies recognizes employee for saving a life

Westville, N.J. - August 5, 2009 - Wheelabrator Gloucester Utility Operator Mike Christ recently responded calmly and effectively to a life and death situation and saved a life. While attending a Fraternal Order of Police benefit on June 6, Christ noticed a fellow attendee who appeared to be choking. Christ, who is certified to recognize, understand and manage a situation requiring CPR, first aid and other tools, knew the man needed help. In a calm manner, Christ walked over to the gentleman and asked if he was choking. When he did not receive a response, he immediately helped the gentleman stand up and performed the Heimlich maneuver, which dislodged the food.

“Mike Christ is a true example of a Life Changer. Because of the training he and his colleagues received and his ability to think and respond quickly,” said Mike Kissel, plant manager, Wheelabrator Gloucester. “This event illustrates Wheelabrator’s culture of safety. It provides us with enduring, life-long skills and instincts that will always be ready to serve others inside and outside of the plant.”

The next day, the gentleman called Wheelabrator Gloucester to express his gratitude for Christ’s actions and the training provided by Wheelabrator Technologies which allowed him to act calmly and swiftly in a stressful situation.

“Wheelabrator’s commitment to safety is both a cornerstone of the company’s success and a trademark of each and every one of its employees,” said Mark A. Weidman, president of Wheelabrator Technologies. “Our various safety programs set a high standard for Wheelabrator’s people and management. Nowhere is this training more valuable than when its least anticipated.”

Each year, along with hundreds of other Wheelabrator employees, Christ is tested and recertified in first aid training. Such training, in the hands of people with commitment, integrity and compassion, makes him the type of fellow worker others can all trust and admire.

About Wheelabrator Gloucester Company, LP
Located in Westville, New Jersey, the Wheelabrator Gloucester waste-to-energy facility provides dependable, environmentally safe disposal of municipal solid waste for Gloucester County, while generating clean, renewable electricity for sale to the local utility. Designed, constructed, owned and operated by Wheelabrator Technologies, Wheelabrator Gloucester serves 257,000 residents by processing up to 575 tons per day of municipal solid waste. Wheelabrator Gloucester has an electric generating capacity of 14,000 kilowatts; the equivalent of supplying the electrical needs of 15,000 New Jersey homes.

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