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Rodriguez, Jr. named Employee of the Quarter

Roel Rodriguez, Jr, Utility Crew Leader, was named the Employee of the Quarter for January - March 2021.

Roel Rodriguez, Jr. (Junior), the City of Burleson's Employee of the Quarter, was nominated and selected for his outstanding work during multiple crises and for his positivity.

Junior was nominated this quarter for the work he did during the extreme winter storm that affected our city in February 2021.

"He worked almost 150 hours during that short timeframe," states his nomination form. "He took a large portion of the calls working long days in extreme freezing temperatures, including being submerged in freezing water to repair a water main break. Junior maintained positivity toward all citizens and co-workers around him and just kept going."

He was also nominated last year for how much he contributed during the pandemic when schedules were adjusted. He was noted as always being willing to help in whatever way he can, whether it was with work or personal, and never expects repayment of his kindness.

"COVID created childcare issues for some, and he took calls when others didn't have anyone to watch their children," states his nomination form.

Junior was also integral on a significant water main break on Renfro Street last year, where he worked day and night to get the repair done. Again, he does so without complaint.

"It is evident that these are not isolated events for Junior. He is someone who steps up, works hard, and stays positive day-to-day," states Rick DeOrdio, Human Resources Director.

He began his career in public works as a utility worker in the wastewater inspection division in October 2017. Through his hard work and efforts, he was quickly promoted to utility crew leader in the water operations division in June 2019.

He was honored during the May 3, 2021, City Council meeting. The city's employee of the quarter award is based on an employee's efficiency, transparency, honesty, innovation and customer service, all of which make up the city's ethics statement.

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