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**Scout Leader Bruce Tomasko wins Aquarion’s Laurel Award**

Bruce Tomasko of Stratford, Manager of Accounting and Fixed Assets at Aquarion Water Company, has received Aquarion’s Laurel Award for outstanding volunteer service.

In bestowing the award, Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte noted Tomasko’s 14 years of service to Boy Scouts in Stratford. “The Laurel Award is the highest honor an Aquarion employee can receive,” Firlotte said, “and Bruce deserves that recognition. He has been an outstanding role model for many boys who may not have had one.”

Accepting the crystal award at a company-wide event, Tomasko said, “Like many other adult leaders, I originally became involved in the Boy Scout program because my son wanted to join Scouts with some of his friends. Becoming a leader gave me a ringside seat from which to watch and participate in his development.

“My son is out of Scouts now, but I continued because I still get so much from the experience,” Tomasko said. “I have more fun with these kids than their parents do! And, once in a while, I get the feeling that I’ve helped some of these Scouts on their way to becoming productive adults in our community. That’s a pretty good feeling.”

As the Laurel Award winner, Tomasko will choose a non-profit organization to receive a $500 donation in his name from Aquarion.

Aquarion Water Company serves nearly 580,000 people in 36 communities throughout Connecticut. It is among the seven largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S., and the largest in New England.

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