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Dover's Scurlock receives Manager of the Year Award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --- In honor of his outstanding performance and 24 years of public service, Dover City Administrator was named Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA). Scurlock was presented the award Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at the annual conference of the Tennessee Municipal League held at the Knoxville Convention Center.



The award is presented by TCMA each year to acknowledge Tennessee managers, administrators, or assistants who have made exceptional contributions to their profession.

When Scurlock first took the position as the town's administrator in 1983, sewer was available to only 60 percent of the city residents; there was no police department; city hall was in a tiny building currently used by the Stewart County Sheriff's Office; and the general fund budget was \$90,000, as was the water and sewer budget.

Today, due to the construction of a new water plant and several water line extensions, there are 1,300 water customers and sewer goes to 100 percent of the city. The city has moved into a new building that includes ample room for the police department, which currently staffs five officers and a chief of police. A new sewer plant is currently under construction. And the general fund budget and the water and sewer budget have both grown to some \$1.3 million.

"No one deserves this award more than Jimmy," said Mitchell Moore, incoming TCMA president and Athens city manager. "During his tenure as administrator, his contributions and accomplishments have been numerous."

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Other accomplishments under Scurlock's leadership include:

- many improvements to the town's 54-acre park, including a dock, concrete walking trail, picnic areas, playground equipment, and new restroom facilities;
- an ambitious, on-going, multi-phase sidewalk project that links the town to historic sites of Fort Donelson;
- location of new industry such as Osh Kosh B'Gosh and Dover Products, and then finding replacements (Carhartt, Sentry Armor and Nashville Wire) when they left; and
- a new maintenance building that houses a fleet of city-owned vehicles.

Scurlock is currently serving on the board of Local Government Data Processing. He has been elected to two terms on the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors, and in 2001-02, as president of the Tennessee City Managers Association, he was automatically a member of the TML board again.

He offered his assistance when the county built Stewart County Middle School and the Stewart County Public Library within the city limits. And he served on the organizational committee for the city's first *Eagle Fest: A Salute To Freedom*, which took place over Memorial Day weekend in 2007.

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The Tennessee City Management Association is an organization of administrators and managers dedicated to professionalism in the management of local government in Tennessee. Its membership is 120 members strong.

The Tennessee Municipal League is a non-profit organization based in Nashville. The organization includes 350 Tennessee cities and towns and represents 99 percent of Tennessee's municipal citizens. The League's primary function is to lobby the General Assembly on behalf of city governments.