NAVPLG 2015 Awards announces the following recipients. Awards honor volunteer programs and managers of volunteers who work in local government:

**Outstanding Volunteer Administrator  
SUE IREY  
City of Carlsbad, California**

This award recognizes an individual in a position serving local government who possesses a number of special qualities, including their effective use of leadership skills, creative utilization of people, resources and opportunities, a strong sense of professional ethics, and an ability to mentor youth and/or peers. Sue has defined the volunteer process, reduced liability and greatly increased volunteer involvement. She oversees a wide variety of volunteer initiatives, hosts a volunteer clearinghouse website that offers more than 250 positions and has cultivated an extremely talented pool of skills based volunteers; and she recently established a volunteer mediation program to resolve neighbor disputes.

**Outstanding New Volunteer Administrator  
JORG HRUSCHKA  
City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

This award honors a Volunteer Administrator with three or fewer years of experience in management of volunteers in local government, who reflects the high ideals of the profession and who is dedicated to efforts in management of volunteers to produce significant achievements. Under Jorg’s leadership, volunteers have participated in a number of projects, including Hands Only CPR; Stand Up, Step Up, Stand Out Youth Leadership Program; Find your Passion Workshop to connect volunteers with opportunities that will best connect with their interests and abilities; and the Adopt-A-Neighbor Program which pairs volunteers with elderly and/or disabled homeowners, who are financially and physically unable to maintain their properties.

**Award of Merit  
Volunteers in Policing Services(VIPS)  
CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Chandler, Arizona**

This award was created to honor a local government Volunteer Administrator or program at the discretion of the NAVPLG board. Membership in NAVPLG is not required to be nominated for this award.  
   
The Volunteers in Policing Services (VIPS) of the Chandler Police Department (CPD) has volunteer positions in 22 different areas of the department. The mission of the program is to support members of the Chandler Police Department in providing police service and to promote community partnerships. The dedicated VIPS volunteers range from business professionals to retirees.  
  
Awards were presented on October 19 at the NAVPLG annual meeting during the Conference on Volunteering and Service in Houston, Texas. Awardees received a plaque and membership for the coming year, along with the pride of recognition by his or her peers.

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