



The Dare County Employee of the Year for 2004 is Billy Brown, Water Treatment Superintendent for the Skyco Water Plant. Clyde Gard, Dare County Employee of the Year for 2003 and Chairman of the County's 2004 Employee of the Month Committee, presented the award at the Board of Commissioners meeting on January 3. Brown received a wedged prism award, five days of vacation, and will serve as Chairman of the County's Employee of the Month Committee for 2005.

Brown was first employed with Dare County in 1976 and worked for the Sheriff's Office until 1979. During his first three years working with Dare County, Brown helped with the training and development of the EMS Department. After leaving the county for a career in construction, Brown was hired again in 1990 as a truck driver for Dare County Public Works. He began working for the Water Department in 1996 and was promoted to Chief Operator in 2000. He was then named Water Treatment Plant Superintendent of the Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo (RWS) Water Plant in 2002. As a testament to his hard work, the RWS Plant won the 2003 North Carolina Rural Water Association Water Taste Contest. Just this past October, Brown moved from Superintendent of the RWS Plant to the Skyco Water Plant.

"Brown has worked for Dare County for over 14 years," Gard told commissioners. "He's very active in his community, very well thought of, and a very conscientious employee. He does an excellent job as Skyco's water superintendent and did an excellent job in the same position at Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo. This award is very well deserved."

Brown is married to his wife of 36 years, Marsha Mann Brown. He has two children, Bill Brown who lives in Wanchese and Bonnie Brown Mueller who lives in Salvo. He also has four grandchildren, 11-year old Kristian Brown, 10-year-old Jeffrey Mueller, two-year-old Ben Brown and three-week-old Elizabeth Mann Brown.

"This is a real honor," Brown said to the board after receiving the award. "I'm proud of the job I did down in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo and how we have best tasting water in the state. I'd like to do the same for Skyco. I'm proud to be a Dare County employee ... and I'm proud to be a part of the greatest county in the state. That's the way I feel about it. "