

# 2024 Preferred Risk Management Professional of the Year Award



## Angie Wellman

Congratulations to Angie Wellman from the Manatee County Mosquito District for receiving the prestigious Preferred Risk Management Professional of the Year Award for 2024. This accolade is a testament to Angie's exceptional dedication to making safety a top priority within the District. Through her leadership and innovative approach, she has effectively used the Preferred TIPS program to provide ongoing safety training for their staff, ensuring a safer and more efficient work environment for everyone. Congratulations, Angie, on this well-deserved recognition!



## Elizabeth Schut

Congratulations to Elizabeth Schut for receiving the Preferred Risk Management Professional of the Year Award for 2024. As the Risk Manager, she has made the City of Marathon a safe place to work, improved the culture of safety and steadfastly strived for continuous improvements in the areas of safety and health. Thank you for all the great things you do for the City of Marathon as well as the Risk Management profession!

Pictured left to right are: Steve William – City Attorney/Deputy City Mgr., Christopher Kittleson, ARM – Preferred Loss Control, Elizabeth Schut – Risk Manager, George Garrett, City Mgr., Diana Naylor – HR Director.



## Jeaneen Witt

Congratulations to Jeaneen Witt, Human Resources Manager for the City of Holly Hill for receiving the 2024 Preferred Risk Management Professional of the Year Award.

Jeaneen, as HR Manager, oversees the city's Risk Management function and has extensive experience with public entities, previously working for Ponce Inlet. She leads a proactive Safety Committee that conducts field reviews of city facilities, emphasizing to the committee and the rest of the employees the importance of workplace safety. Under her leadership, the team has successfully reduced the city's Workers Compensation loss ratio. Jean and her team also show their focus on safety by using resources such as the Preferred TIPS matching grant program. Pictured are Jeaneen Witt and Preferred's Loss Control Consultant, Mike Marinan.

# 2024 Preferred Safety and Risk Management Member Award



## Immokalee Water and Sewer District

We are excited to congratulate Immokalee Water and Sewer District for receiving the Preferred Safety and Risk Management Member Award for 2024.

This honor reflects the outstanding commitment the Immokalee Water and Sewer Safety Committee has to ensuring that their facilities are safe places to work. Their dedication to thorough employee training and the provision of proper personal protective equipment has set a high standard for safety and risk management within the industry. Congratulations to Immokalee Water and Sewer on this well-deserved achievement!



## South Broward

Congratulations to the South Broward Drainage District for receiving the 2024 Preferred Safety and Risk Management Member Award for their safety efforts. The Safety Committee, led by District Director, Luis Ochoa, has gone above and beyond by turning safety from a plan on paper to a real-world program. This means a safer work environment for their employees and reduced risks for residents of the district. The committee has made the district a safe place to work, improved the culture of safety and steadfastly strived for continuous improvements in safety and health.



## Columbia County

Congratulations to Columbia County for receiving the 2024 Preferred Safety and Risk Management Member of the Year Award. Ben Skipper, the safety officer for the County, oversees and manages the safety program for the County. He had worked at the County landfill and had shown an interest in safety while there and was promoted to his current position. Since then, he has relentlessly pursued training and education, becoming a certified OSHA 'train the trainer' after completing the OSHA 501 course. He is also certified in Forklift training, Safety Management, Risk Management Compliance and HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) Ben is improving the trajectory the county has been on for several years and is making Columbia County a much safer place to work. Pictured are Ben Skipper and Preferred's Loss Control Consultant, Mike Marinar.