

**SMEA President Statement on behalf of SMEA Members citation presentation Aldermen meeting on March 23, 2017.**

This Citation is a great honor of recognition for our dedicated members of the SMEA. I would like to thank Alderman Heuston and Alderman McWatters for sponsoring this citation as well as the rest of the board and the Mayor for taking a moment out of their busy agenda to have us here tonight. **Sitting Behind me** are just some of the members that bravely fought through the 2015 -112 inches of snowmageddon and I can tell you first hand that Mother Nature is a fierce competitor but our members are persistent, tenacious and persevered as always. They get the job done under very dangerous conditions in dealing with down trees and electrical wires. The snow plow drivers and shovelers continue to keep our streets safe for the residents and anyone passing through the city of Somerville. I must also note many of our members, ISD, clerk's, librarians, T&P also worked in these conditions.

We hold ourselves to a very high standard. Most of our members were schooled and raised in Somerville and we know the city inside out. We have a connection and an obligation to the residents. We are all about respect and making sure the jobs we perform are done meticulously. We have a very good relationship with the residents and we have a very good group of members and I am proud to represent them. I also want to thank the Mayor and his administration as well as the Aldermen for funding the snow removal equipment that takes a tremendous burden off our shoulders.

If there was ever an award for best snow plowed city, I have no doubt it would be Somerville.

In closing all of the 31 divisions and 250 members of the SMEA graciously accept this citation.

**“WE MAKE THE CITY RUN”!!!**

Thank you,

Edward Halloran  
SMEA President