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## **Blue Marsh rangers earn Department of Army medals for rescue effort**

PHILADELPHIA (Aug. 14, 2008): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced that nine Philadelphia District employees and an employee from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission were selected for Department of the Army awards.

Park rangers rescued a woman from the Blue Marsh Lake June 25 after her watercraft collided with another personal watercraft. Rangers performed in-water stabilization of the victim before transporting her by boat to awaiting EMS services on shore.

The awardees are as follows:

Kathleen Grim - Superior Civilian Service Award  
Nathan Freiwald - Superior Civilian Service Award  
Jeffrey Piscanio - Superior Civilian Service Award

Brian Schwenk - Commander's Award for Civilian Service  
Whitney Sunday - Commander's Award for Civilian Service  
Scott Thomas - Commander's Award for Civilian Service  
Roland Zitzman - Commander's Award for Civilian Service

John Cave - Achievement Medal for Civilian Service  
Scott Sunderland - Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

John Sabaitis (PA Fish and Boat Commission, Waterways Conservation Officer) - Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service

They will be formally awarded Aug. 21 in a ceremony at the Blue Marsh Park Offices at 12:00 p.m.