

# Columbus County Transportation wins corporate awards

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Pictured above from left are Columbus County Transportation team members Michelle Baldwin, Wanda Gachett, Anthony Rowell and FirstGroup CEO Matthew Gregory.

Columbus County Transportation won the “Dedicated to Safety” Be First Team Award during a FirstGroup ceremony May 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Columbus County contracts with FirstGroup to manage the department’s daily operations and to maintain the vehicles.

“The Columbus County team has driven 1.5 million miles accident free and have been recognized for their safety record by the North Carolina Public Transportation Authority three years in a row,” the awards program stated.

Anthony Rowell, general manager of Columbus County Transportation, also received the “Supportive of Each Other” Be First award for protecting the bus fleet when Hurricane Florence hit in September.

“Anthony’s house and his wife’s car suffered extensive damage from flash flooding, but thanks to his foresight, no buses were damaged,” the awards program stated. “Anthony’s unselfish action and leadership, particularly after his own personal loss, demonstrate how highly he appreciates his employees and cares about the local community.”

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