

DPH Employee Spotlight

Jim Dragan

Environmental Health Services Manager



Length of Employment: 30 years

Special Recognition:

Jim Dragan is a leader. He is an Environmental Health Services Manager in the Environmental Health Division and provides direct oversight in the Specialized Surveillance Enforcement Branch over the Garment Inspection, Jail Inspection, Safe Body Art, Street Vending Compliance, Vector Control, and the Vehicle Inspection Programs. His effective communication inspires his team to reach common goals. He was instrumental in the development of the Downtown Waste Assessment project - a collaborative effort with the City of Los Angeles to determine optimal strategies for the elimination of putrescible waste in the Skid Row area. Mr. Dragan ensured that Environmental Health's requirements and procedures were relayed and represented at meetings with City representatives, and he was the primary contact with the City, which ensured a successful relationship. As the DPH lead on this project, he was committed to the goal of this endeavor and worked collaboratively with the team to ensure its success. He was creative and resourceful enabling him to communicate his ideas effectively. He openly expressed his opinions and offered solutions to problems to ensure that the Department's objectives regarding people experiencing homelessness and the waste on the streets were met. Mr. Dragan is a role model, and he provides a positive perspective despite adversities and challenges, which allows him to be successful in using a team approach to address and resolve issues, facilitating necessary change.

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