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Sarah Limb is Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year



Public Health Investigator Sarah Limb has been named Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year by the Missouri Environmental Health Association. This statewide honor is awarded to one professional each year to recognize outstanding contributions to the field.

A graduate of Drury University, Limb joined the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in 2005 after working for the Taney County Health Department in Branson.

Limb's first assignment was inspecting food establishments in Greene County outside of the city limits of Springfield, a large territory that also included many weekend special events. As inspectors took on more duties due to changing programs and budgets, Limb's territory expanded to include areas in the city of Springfield as well. By working closely with establishments in her territory, the number and frequency of violations has greatly improved.

Along with three other employees, Limb volunteered to take on lodging and pool inspections following an employee retirement last year. She is currently working to develop a food safety class for the Spanish-speaking community. After the devastating tornado ripped through Joplin in May 2011, Limb volunteered to go help work on food salvage operations. Limb passed the Certified Environmental Health Specialist exam in 2011.

Limb has volunteered her time with the health department's internal wellness team for two years and sets a good example by exercising, biking and eating healthy. She also participates in the local MS charity run.

"Sarah is a valuable asset to the health department, the City of Springfield and Greene County," said Kevin Gipson, Director of Health. "Her work in the Food Compliance Section is a great example of how we provide protection from illness and disease day-in and day-out in a way that most citizens never even think about. They don't have to, thanks to the work of dedicated people like Sarah."

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