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Seguin's Water Utilities places among top 10 nationwide

SEGUIN, Texas – The Seguin water utilities department placed among the top 10 nationwide during the National Hydrant Hysteria competition. Brad Compton and Ernest Hernandez finished with a time of 1 minute and 43 seconds, landing them 8th place out of 17 teams in the nation. The pair advanced to national's at the Annual Conference & Exposition (ACE¹⁷) in Philadelphia, PA after recently taking Texas' title in the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Conference.

The hydrant hysteria competition consists of a two member team competing for the fastest time in assembling a fire hydrant. When asked about their experience, both first timers found their experience to be great. "The highlight was being able to compete in front of a large crowd and representing the City of Seguin and the state of Texas. Making the top ten was very special," said Hernandez.

This was Seguin's water utilities department first time entering into Hydrant Hysteria competition, the team was coached by Rod Ramirez, Water Wastewater Superintendent for Seguin who stated, "This is a great accomplishment, I was very proud of them when they won the Texas title, and more so when they made the top ten in the nation. The support from the City of Seguin was great, thank you Seguin."

The state title holders, Brad and Ernest are invited to return to next year's AWWA Conference. Until then, the department plans to fine tune their fire hydrant assembling skills in preparation for next year's competition.

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Ernest Hernandez & Brad Compton