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**CANTON, OH —STARK METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (SMHA)  
EMPLOYEE, GEORGE BERIS, AWARDED 2015 MAINTENANCE WORKER OF THE  
YEAR BY OHIO HOUSING AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE (OHAC)**

The Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) was notified by the Ohio Housing Authorities Conference (OHAC) that George Beris, who has been employed with the agency for over 22 years, is the recipient of the 2015 Maintenance Person of the Year award.

The award recognizes one outstanding maintenance person in the state of Ohio based on six categories: job knowledge, work ethics, tenant relations, resourcefulness, leadership skills, and community service/other exemplary characteristics. Sherry Hill with the OHAC corporate office noted that, “although there were many wonderful applications, George stood out”.

Mr. Beris will be recognized on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Roberts Conference Centre in Wilmington, OH during the annual OHAC Maintenance Clinic.

SMHA Director Herman L. Hill stated, “I was happy to nominate George for this award because he's an exemplary employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty to get things done”.

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