

Three Strikes

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Teenagers, specifically male teenagers, should not be allowed to go to college. **STEEERIKE ONE!**

Go figger. Most of the time you guys and gals are considered lazy, not worth the HUGE salary you get. All you do is ride around in your pickup drinking coffee and eating donuts. Then along comes a

little event such as, oh, lets say a flood, and all of a sudden you are a hero (for a few days). I have spent a good portion of July in the flood stricken areas of Sullivan, Delaware, Chenango, and Broome counties offering whatever assistance I could. More than once, I have seen a resident approach you on the street and thank you for all you have done. Just think, a week prior (and probably now as you read this) you were a no good so-and-so. I want to take this opportunity to commend each and every one of you for a job well done. I offer you all a laurel, and

hardy handshake! I also commend all the municipalities that sent aid, manpower and equipment to those areas. You guys and gals make me proud to be in the brotherhood of NYS certified water and wastewater operators. Well done! Oh, yeah, save me a donut, will ya? **STRIKE TWO!**

Whodathunkit? I was on vacation recently, attending my family reunion, when a relative of mine from Ohio relayed this story to me. Seems this relative knows a man, a water guy, but we won't hold that against him. Anyway, the municipality he works for let him go, for financial reasons. A week or so later they discovered they had a real problem. You see, this guy was the only certified operator for the water system. OOPS! Well, as you might have guessed, the municipality rehired him and is now in the process of getting other employees certified. It begs the question "When are THEY going to get it"? **STREEEEERIIKE THREE! I'M OUTTA HERE.** ♠



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