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## SWANA Honors E-Z Pack's Crafton with Life Member Award at WASTECON® 2011

*Municipal waste management industry's top association touts "indelible impact"*

**NASHVILLE, TN** – David Crafton, Southwest Manager of Sales for E-Z Pack Manufacturing, has been awarded the 2011 Life Member Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). The award was presented to him at the Annual SWANA WASTECON show today in Nashville.

"This is the top honor of the association and recognizes long-term dedication to municipal solid waste management," said Sara Bixby, SWANA President. "Dave has had an indelible impact on SWANA through his countless hours of volunteerism both in serving on our executive board and as chairman of our WASTECON industry trade show.



Dave Crafton | E-Z Pack

"It's noteworthy that Dave represents only the 18<sup>th</sup> time in the 49-year history of SWANA that the Life Member Award has been bestowed upon someone who has not previously served as SWANA's International Board President."

Crafton joined the E-Z Pack sales team in 2009 and currently serves as Manager of the company's Southwest Region.

Jim Rogers, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at E-Z Pack, noted, "This is a fitting testament to Dave's years of commitment to the industry. He has been an enthusiastic torchbearer for the SWANA for as long as I've known him."

Crafton began his waste industry career with Truxmore / Rand in 1985, in automated collection sales. He joined Heil Environmental in 1991 in the Automated Sales Group and was a regional manager from 1994 until 2000, when he left Heil to run a hauling company in Knoxville, Tennessee, until 2003. From 2003 until 2007, Mr. Crafton was a regional manager for SSI Schaefer's Waste Technology Group, and in 2007 joined Balar Equipment in Houston, Texas.

E-Z Pack Manufacturing, a leader in refuse truck body innovation for more than 60 years, is exhibiting at WASTECON (booth #951).

### **About SWANA**

For over 40 years, the Solid Waste Association of North America, SWANA, has been the leading professional association in the solid waste management field. SWANA's mission is "to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste." SWANA serves nearly



8,000 members and thousands more industry professionals with technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses.

#### **About E-Z Pack Manufacturing, LLC**

E-Z Pack Manufacturing, LLC is a leading manufacturer of refuse truck bodies, including front loaders, rear loaders and side loaders used in commercial and residential settings. Located in Cynthiana, Kentucky, the company has offered dependable, efficient trash trucks and quality OEM parts for more than 60 years. E-Z Pack brands include the Hercules™ [Front Loader](#) and Automated Side Loader and the Goliath™ and Apollo™ [Rear Loaders](#). The company is a single-source parts supplier for a wide range of waste collection equipment manufactured by the other leading brands. E-Z pack is a wholly owned subsidiary of Republic Financial Corporation, a Colorado-based, privately-held investment company founded in 1971. For more information, please visit the company's website: [www.ezpacktrucks.com](http://www.ezpacktrucks.com)

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