



Health Officer of the Year

Jackie Ove, RN

Health Officer, City of South Milwaukee
Health Department



“We’re proud to recognize Jackie Ove as our 2010 Health Officer of the Year,” says WALHDAB president Faye Tetzloff. “Jackie’s demonstrated her prowess in both in prevention efforts and in dealing with terribly challenging emergency situations.”

Ove has provided impressive leadership during her 12 year tenure with the Department, including:

- Patrick Cudahy Fire: Led efforts to pen a mass shelter for 300 people, many of whom had special needs.
- H1N1 Outbreak: Coordinated efforts with several organizations and city departments to successfully run mass vaccination clinics.
- Water Main Break: Organized and mobilized an Emergency Operations Center, including a mass drive through water bottle distribution to 1,800 families within three hours.

In addition to taking charge during emergencies, Ove also contributes when times are less hectic. “She doesn’t hesitate to operate at the ground level, taking time to administer vaccinations, perform blood pressures and even help with head lice checks,” write members of the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness and her Department’s staff, in their award nomination letter.