



O'Donovan Waste Disposal, a leading family-run waste management business based in London, is celebrating after landing an internationally-recognised award for demonstrating high health and safety standards.

O'Donovan, who operate with 185 employees and run a fleet of 100 lorries, has received a RoSPA Silver Health and Safety Award for working hard to ensure its team get home safely to their families at the end of every working day.

Organisations receiving a RoSPA Award are recognised as being world-leaders in health and safety practice. Every year, nearly 2,000 entrants vie to achieve the highest possible accolade in what is the UK's longest-running H&S industry awards.

Jacqueline O'Donovan, managing director, said: "We are extremely proud to have been presented with a silver RoSPA Award. This recognises our ongoing commitment to deliver a safe working environment for our much valued team and demonstrates our continuous dedication to maintaining an excellent health and safety record. The RoSPA awards are known as 'the toughest health and safety awards in the world' so it is a huge achievement for us to receive one."

Julia Small, RoSPA's head of qualifications, awards and events, said: "The RoSPA Awards scheme is the longest-running of its kind in the UK, but it receives entries from organisations around the world, making it one of the most sought-after global accolades in health and safety.

"RoSPA wants every employee, wherever they are, to work safe in the knowledge that they will be going home unharmed and healthy at the end of every day. The RoSPA Award winners are vital to help achieve this goal, as by entering they are driving up standards and setting new benchmarks for organisations everywhere. Currently, around 7million people are directly impacted by the RoSPA Awards, but the scheme's influence is even wider."

The majority of awards are non-competitive and mark achievement at merit, bronze, silver and gold levels. Gold medals, president's awards, orders of distinction and the Patron's Award are presented to organisations sustaining the high standards of the gold level over consecutive years.

Competitive awards go to the best entries in 24 industry sectors including construction, healthcare, transport and logistics, engineering, manufacturing and education.

There are specialist awards for health at work, environmental management, safety delivered outside of the workplace, and fleet safety, and excellence trophies for the best international organisation, new entry, workforce involvement, leisure organisation, and organisation operating

or based in Scotland. RoSPA's top accolade is the Sir George Earle Trophy.

Headline sponsor of the RoSPA Awards 2020 is NEBOSH – the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health – for the 15th consecutive year.

For more information about the RoSPA Awards visit www.rospa.com/awards or for more by O'Donovan Waste Disposal, visit www.odonovan.co.uk