

Eljen's septic donation to Smith another effort to support of veterans and law enforcement

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LITTLETON — When Paul Smith had problems with his home septic system, Eljen Corporation was quickly there to offer support. The company, which serves the region as a septic system provider, was founded by a World War II veteran, and likes to do what it can for law enforcement officers and those who have served in the military.

Working with local contractor Schofield's Septic Service, Eljen was onsite to install a new system at Smith's Birchcroft Drive home. Smith, a veteran of the U.S. Army, has served on the Littleton Police Department since 1992, becoming chief in 2007.

Eljen employee Bob Kilcup was onsite at Smith's property last week as the work was being completed. He said the company's interest in providing cost savings to the chief is, "our way of giving back."

Kilcup continued, "We like to help out law enforcement," as well as those with military service.

Of the Eljen leadership team, Kilcup added, "They are all prior military."

"What they're doing here is phenomenal," Smith said last Wednesday.

He praised both Eljen and Schofield's for their hard work to get the new wastewater treatment system operational.

Smith knew he had a problem when he noticed some liquid and



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Thanks to donated supplies from Eljen Corporation, Littleton Police Chief Paul Smith has received help with a new septic system at his Littleton home. The company has an interest in assisting law enforcement and former military personnel, according to employee Bob Kilcup.

odors around the system's drain field. This is a common sign of problems with a wastewater system.

After receiving a call from an engineer, Kilcup said Eljen quickly went to work with Schofield's to get the job done. As Kilcup discussed the project, several Schofield's employees were moving earth with either shovels or a big excavator.

Kilcup said some problems with the previous system's layout were the reason for Smith's septic issues. In addition to some design improvements and the elimina-

tion of ledge below the system, the drain field will be higher than the original one installed in 2004, Smith added.

Expressing further appreciation for the work at his home, Smith said, "As a consumer, it does matter who you pick" for the creation of such an important item as a septic system.

Although mistreatment of the septic system was not a reason for the failure in Smith's case, Kilcup said there are several do's and don'ts for those who have a septic system in their home. A tank should be pumped at least

every three years, and solvents, paint, and other harsh chemicals should not go down the drain, for example.

Homeowners should also keep handy a copy the design and location of their septic system. Eljen also recommends that septic additives are not necessary, and may even cause damage to the system in the long run.

Regarding the process to complete a new septic system, Smith said, "It has been an education for me."