2027 SAFE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Sent on behalf of Jean Fontenot, 2026–27 Awards Committee Chair

ATTENTION: All SAFE Association Members — Government, Military, Corporate, Academic, and Individual

Recognize Excellence. Nominate a Deserving Individual or Team.

The **SAFE Association Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2027 SAFE Association Awards.**

For more than 50 years, the SAFE Association has been committed to advancing safety and survival while recognizing the individuals and teams whose dedication, leadership, innovation, and accomplishments make a meaningful difference in our profession.

This is your opportunity to recognize the achievements of your colleagues. If you don't take the time to recognize them, who will?

Each year, the SAFE Association recognizes outstanding achievements from across government, the military, industry, academia, and the broader safety and survival community. Award recipients are formally recognized by the SAFE Association for their contributions to our profession.

We need your help identifying the individuals and teams whose accomplishments deserve this recognition.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2026

We encourage every SAFE member to consider the people and teams they have worked with over the past year—and throughout their careers—who have made significant contributions to safety, survival, technology, research, education, engineering, or the preservation of human life.

Think about the individuals who have led important improvements, developed innovative solutions, advanced technology, strengthened safety programs, or dedicated their careers to our profession.

Think about the **project and program teams** that have delivered significant results through military programs, new product development, industry initiatives, contract services, academic research, engineering, or other safety and survival efforts.

These accomplishments deserve to be recognized, but recognition begins with a nomination.

2027 SAFE AWARD CATEGORIES

MICHAEL R. GROST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes the career of a deserving individual for significant contributions to the field of safety or survival.

GENERAL SPRUANCE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Honors an individual who has made a recent outstanding contribution in the safety field through leadership toward, or significant advancement of, safety and survival improvements. Contributions may be made through education, knowledge, science, application of investigative techniques, or engineering.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Acknowledges the recent accomplishments of a team in the field of safety or survival through advancement in education, knowledge, science, application of investigative techniques, or engineering associated with a significant improvement in safety or survival.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Presented to a person or persons, civilian or military, who have demonstrated a recent outstanding contribution to the preservation of human life through an action of courage.

MURRAY P. KOCH INDUSTRY AWARD

Recognizes a member of industry who has made recent significant contributions to the advancement of technology or hardware for safety and survival applications.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

The individual or team being nominated may be either a **current SAFE member or a non-member**. However, **all nominations must be submitted by a current SAFE Association member.**

YOUR NOMINATION MATTERS

The SAFE Board of Directors evaluates nominations based on the applicable award criteria and the supporting information provided with each submission. A strong nomination clearly communicates the nominee's accomplishments, contributions, and impact on the safety and survival community.

There are deserving individuals and teams throughout our profession whose accomplishments may never receive the recognition they deserve unless someone takes the initiative to nominate them.

We need your nominations.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the people you work with, the leaders and mentors who have shaped our profession, and the teams that have accomplished something exceptional.

Recognizing these individuals and teams not only honors their achievements—it also demonstrates to the next generation of safety and survival professionals the standards of excellence, service, innovation, and leadership that SAFE represents.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Identify a deserving individual or team. Prepare the nomination. Submit it to SAFE.

2027 SAFE National Award Nominations – Fill out form

Please do not wait until the deadline. **All nominations must be received by close of business December 31, 2026.**

For questions regarding the nomination process or SAFE Association Awards, please contact the SAFE Administrator at **admin@safeassociation.com**.

Thank you for helping us recognize the outstanding individuals and teams who continue to advance safety, survival, and the preservation of human life.

Jean Fontenot
2026–27 Awards Committee Chair
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