

# SAFETY AWARD GUIDELINES

BASED ON AUGUST 2026 VERSION : [https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/my\\_vfw/training-and-support/community-service/safety-and-recognition-chairmans-manual.pdf](https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/my_vfw/training-and-support/community-service/safety-and-recognition-chairmans-manual.pdf)

Public Servant Award Citations for Emergency Medical Technicians, Law Enforcement Personnel, Firefighters, Dispatchers and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians (EODT).

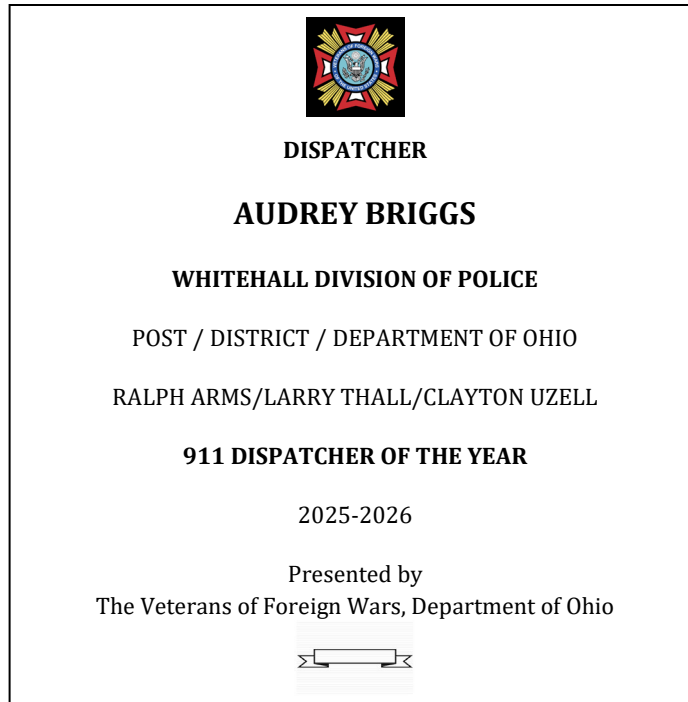
"Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, firefighter, and dispatcher personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. Post Safety Chairpersons are encouraged to submit a candidate/group for these awards to their Department Headquarters by January 1. The Department may select a single candidate/group for each of the five awards and submit those to VFW National Headquarters by February 1."

"Recognizing local heroes, heroines, patriots and outstanding youth with VFW awards, citations and medals is one of the easiest and most effective ways to grow a VFW Post. Every time your VFW Post honors a local individual, you spread good will among the individual's family, friends and your entire community. That good will returns to your Post in the form of increased public support for your fundraising, increased attendance at your events and, perhaps most importantly, more members for your Post and its

Life Saving Award Safety Chairpersons at Posts, Districts and Departments are encouraged to regularly identify and honor individuals throughout the year in their geographic area who have saved a life. The VFW National Programs office provides the following three different citations and medals, free of charge, for local presentation."

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| <b>DEADLINES:</b> | <b>SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE</b> | <b>TO THE POST BY NOVEMBER 6, 2026</b>      |
| "                 | "                          | <b>TO THE DISTRICT DECEMBER 1, 2026</b>     |
| "                 | "                          | <b>TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JANUARY 1, 2027</b> |
| "                 | "                          | <b>TO NATIONAL BY FEBRUARY 1, 2027</b>      |

SAMPLE PLAQUE:



FIRST RESPONDER MEDAL:



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