

## 2024-2025 SAFETY PROGRAM

The VFW conducts safety awareness programs in six major categories under which any drug or safety activity will fall. Virtually all drug or safety activities conducted by a Post can be reported within each of the six categories. Credit will be given only once for each activity.

### THE SIX SAFETY PROGRAM CATEGORIES ARE:

1. **Highway Safety:** Any activity intended to improve individual driving skills and awareness of activities associated with improving safety in our vehicles and on our roadways. (Click It or Ticket, State approved driving course)
2. **Pedestrian Safety:** Any activity intended to improve individual awareness and visibility of non-motorized vehicle riding skills, awareness and responsibility. (Bicycle Safety, Lite-a-Tike or Halloween Safety Bags)
3. **Recreational Safety:** Any organized activity associated with improving the skills and responsibilities of individuals engaged in recreation activities with children and/or adults. (Hunter Safety, Water/Boater Safety, Outdoor Safety, Winter Sports Safety)
4. **Home/Fire Safety:** Any activity designed to promote and inform individuals within the community about protecting their homes, possessions and lives. (Home/Fire Protection - Indoor/Outdoor)
5. **Drug Awareness:** Any program designed to inform and protect your community from the influence of substance abuse, to include prescription drugs. (D.A.R.E., PTA meetings, Substance/Alcohol Abuse awareness)
6. **Recognition/Other:** Any program that brings public recognition to the people of the community who spend their workday protecting the lives and property of the public. Recognizing the heroism/or safety achievements of those individuals in the community. This category may also be used to report an activity that does not fit into any of the above categories, including cooperation with other groups and organizations besides the VFW. (Life Saving Award, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT/Paramedic, Firefighter of the Year Award, distribution of various safety related materials)

### AWARDS:

The Post in each membership division listed below that reports the greatest number of program related activities between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025 will receive a Department Citation.

Every District that is 100% reported in both Drug and Safety by April 30, 2025 will receive a Department Citation.

**Post Membership Divisions:** Membership as of June 30, 2024

- I 10-65**
- II 66-125**
- III 126-225**
- IV 226-OVER**

The VFW also recognizes dedicated individuals who work in various public safety roles. Each Post may submit to the Safety Director one nomination in each of the following three categories: Firefighter of the Year, Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic of the Year and the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Nominations must be received on proper forms to be provided by the Director **NO LATER THAN January 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**. The Department Safety Director, through

the voting committee, will then select and submit one entry from each category to National VFW. Each selected nominee will be invited by the Director to attend the 2025 Department Convention and presented with a plaque from the Department of Michigan. Sponsoring Posts will be 100% responsible for any transportation or housing expenses of award recipients.

**ALL STATE:**

Posts **MUST** submit at least one nomination for a Public Servant of the Year Award. Nominations may be in any one of the three above categories. Nominations must be received by the Director in accordance with the above deadlines. Please consult the Department All State Program for more information.

Let's be committed to Drug Awareness and Safety in the Great State of Michigan.

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