

The National Law Enforcement Challenge



What is the National Law Enforcement Challenge?

The National Law Enforcement Challenge (NLEC) is a national awards program that recognizes agencies that excel in law enforcement traffic safety. The program is designed to strengthen and support traffic enforcement safety nationwide and provides agencies an opportunity to make a difference in the communities they serve, to learn from one another, and to establish future goals in traffic enforcement and education.

NLEC Traffic Safety Categories

The NLEC has four categories in which agencies can be awarded points: Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Speed Awareness, and a State/Local Issue. For the State/Local Issue, applying agencies can choose a traffic safety issue that supports their state's overall highway safety goals or an identified problem within their community.

What is on the Application?

The application involves answering qualitative and quantitative questions about your agency's efforts for each category (Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Speed Awareness, and State/Local Issue), including a narrative summary, statistical questions, and attachments for initiatives and policies. Agencies are awarded points in each category based on seven criteria: Problem Identification, Policies, Planning, Training, Public Information and Education, Enforcement, and Outcomes.

How Does My Agency Apply?

The 2015 application is available online at www.theiacp.org/NLEC. You must download the Content & Materials fillable PDF form for your narrative summaries and Submission Disclosure Questions.

What's in it for my agency?

The NLEC provides opportunities for recognition of exemplary programs, incentive for continuing traffic safety activities, and documentation of agency effectiveness that can be used in future grant proposals.

Winning agencies also receive an award at the IACP Highway Safety Awards Breakfast held at the annual IACP conference. Agencies that place first in their category are eligible to draw for a chance to win an outfitted Ford vehicle that they may use for a year.



Washington State Patrol won the 2014 National Law Enforcement Challenge Vehicle, a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility.

How are the applications evaluated?

A panel of evaluators will review each application and assign points based on the established criteria. All of the national evaluators are independent members of the law enforcement community, public safety, and corporate partners who have demonstrated advanced knowledge of highway safety initiatives.

After the evaluation period is complete, the points are added together and a final score is assigned for each submission. After all of the applications are scored, the agencies are ranked in their appropriate categories based on agency size and type.

Products and Resources

The IACP has developed products and resources for agencies to assist them in putting their application together and to share best practices. Visit www.theiacp.org/NLEC to access these documents.

Resources

Model Applications: Applications from previous NLEC winners are available for download from www.theiacp.org/NLEC.

How-To Guide: This document walks you through the process of putting an application together and what the evaluators are looking for in a winning application.

Products

Traffic Safety Innovations: This booklet provides you with leading practices from our special category winners.

Traffic Safety Dispatch: A quarterly newsletter produced by IACP that contains useful information about upcoming National Highway Traffic Safety mobilizations.

More Information

For more information about the NLEC or for assistance with your application, visit www.theiacp.org/NLEC or contact Bethany Petersen at 703-836-6767, ext. 263.

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