



# AAA School Safety Patrol™ Awards 2010



A community-based safety program for the nation's youth that  
*Fosters citizenship* ◦ *Develops leadership skills* ◦ *Promotes traffic safety*

## In honor of 90 years

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2010, the AAA School Safety Patrol Program™ is the largest safety program in the world, equipping patrollers with the skills and resources needed to ensure children commute to and from school safely.

This community program includes more than 562,000 patrollers in 30,000 schools nationwide who dedicate their time to ensure students are safe. The patroller duties are a valuable contribution to reductions in pedestrian injuries and fatalities.



President John F. Kennedy awards a AAA safety patroller with the Lifesaving Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a patroller for saving the life of another student.



President William Jefferson Clinton with members of the AAA School Safety Patrol.

**"The patrol movement is unquestionably a fine builder of morale. It also develops a sense of responsibility which cannot but make for good citizenship. It is my sincere hope that it will continue to expand and remain as a permanent feature of our national effort in the interest of traffic safety."**

- Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States, 1933



President George H.W. Bush signs a AAA Safety Patrol Program 70th anniversary commemorative poster. "Serving others is a way of life -- something you start when you're young and stick with -- all life long," Bush said of the program.

## Saving Lives

The AAA School Safety Patrol has been praised by education and safety groups around the world for reducing injuries and fatalities among school children age 5 to 14. Since 1949, AAA has documented 387 lives saved through this community service program.

Patrol programs operate in many high-risk, low-income and



General Dwight D. Eisenhower is Honorary Marshal of the School Safety Patrol Parade in Washington, D.C.

## AAA Lifesaving Medal of Honor

Each year, AAA honors the top patrollers in the nation's Capitol who saved the life of another person while on duty. The AAA Lifesaving Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a patroller... students who have committed selfless acts to save the life of another human being.

Lifesaving medals have been awarded by many past Presidents, including Presidents Eisenhower, Ford, Johnson, Kennedy, Nixon, Bush Sr. and Clinton, as well as Vice Presidents Humphrey and Mondale.

culturally diverse communities. Many schools report the program provides students with an opportunity to develop self-confidence and a sense of responsibility, while earning respect and recognition from their peers, school administrators and community leaders. The program also encourages academic achievement and commitment to community involvement.



***"The School Safety patrol movement...is one of the finest contributions to the safety of our school youngsters that I know of."***

*- Richard J. Daley  
Mayor of Chicago, 1970*

## Environmental benefits

Providing safe routes to school encourages healthy lifestyle choices. Knowing that a pedestrian safety program is in place enables parents and caregivers to consider walking or biking as an option in those areas where it is permitted.



*May 1965, FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover presents lifesaving medals to AAA School Safety Patrollers. "I feel that the members of this organization [School Safety Patrol] are playing a great part in civic work and have been very instrumental in the protection of their schoolmates from the hazards of the highway," Hoover said.*

## Charles M. Hayes: AAA Safety Patrol Founder, Chicago resident

Mr. Hayes was president of the Chicago Motor Club in the 1920s when several children at a school crossing were killed by a speeding car.



*Mr. Charles M. Hayes, founder of the AAA School Safety Patrol presents merit awards to dedicated patrollers.*

Horrified by the incident, Mr. Hayes pledged to help prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

Two dozen boys were trained, and the first safety patrol was established with Mr. Hayes' guidance.

His determination to make school children safer is a legacy that lives on through the hard work of AAA clubs, educators and hundreds of safety patrollers across the country.

In honor of Mr. Hayes vision and dedication, the AAA School Safety Patrol Charles M. Hayes Advancement Fund has been established by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Each year, the fund honors a patrol advisor of the year and provides grants to schools interested in furthering their patrol programs.