



Exceptional Performance Award

Purpose Established in 1996, this award recognizes individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of adversity, journalism, and safety whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of public awareness of the profession. In 2010, a Chapter Journalism award was established to recognize chapters for their excellence in communication through magazines, newsletters and other publications.

Adversity Recognizes exceptional performance in the face of adversity in service to the public.

Journalism Recognizes exceptional performance in presenting the story of a public works issue or event that projects a positive image of individuals or agencies in the course of their performance in both broadcast and print mediums.

The Exceptional Performance Award in Chapter Journalism recognizes chapters for their newsletters, magazines and/or other publications. Chapter nominated materials will be judged on quality, content, creativity and design.

Safety Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of safety.

Eligibility Candidates may be an individual, team, or group of individuals or organizations meeting the purpose of the award. APWA membership is not required.

Only APWA chapters can submit for the Exceptional Performance Award in Chapter Journalism.

Selection The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, entity, or individual APWA members or nonmembers. Nominations must include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award's eligibility requirements. Six copies of submittal are required. Submission for Exceptional Performance Award—Journalism must include the actual article/publication/transcript. CDs/DVDs are welcomed and will be used in the judging process. These materials should be sent to APWA National. Materials submitted in support of nomination will not be returned.

Deadline March 1, 2010

Presentation The winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition and are featured in APWA publications.

- Former Recipients**
- 2009**
 - Adversity* Response to the May 25, 2008 Tornado, City of Hugo, MN
 - Journalism* "Crush Hour" City of Denver, CO, Public Works Marketing and Communication Department
 - Safety* 2008 Public Safety during the 2008 Republican National Convention, Saint Paul, MN, Public Works Department
 - 2008**
 - Adversity* Response to I-35 Bridge Collapse, City of Minneapolis, MN, and Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - Journalism* *Under the Canopy*, City of Urbana, IL, Public Works Department
 - 2007**
 - Adversity* Danvers Department of Public Works, Town of Danvers, MA
 - Journalism* How to Nearly Double Sewer Rates without Ratepayer Revolt, Department of Public Works, City of Indianapolis, IN
 - Safety* Swept Away, A Stormwater Warning, Transportation Department, Stormwater Management Section, City of Tucson, AZ
 - 2006**
 - Adversity* City of San Antonio Public Works Department, City of San Antonio, TX
 - Journalism* Inside Bellingham, City of Bellingham, WA
 - Safety* Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy
 - 2005**
 - Adversity* Pima County, AZ, Aspen Fire Emergency Response & Recovery
 - Journalism* City of Los Angeles Infrastructure Campaign, City of Los Angeles, CA, Department of Public Works
 - Safety* Survive Your Drive—Teen Safety, Pima County Department of Transportation, Tucson, AZ
 - 2004**
 - Adversity* Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS, Public Works Department
 - Journalism* Litter...It Just Isn't Natural, City of Newport News, VA
 - Safety* Tucson's Safe Kids Program, City of Tucson, AZ, Department of Transportation
 - 2003**
 - Adversity* Flood Response and Recovery, July 2002, Department of Public Works, City of San Antonio, TX
 - Journalism* Take a Closer Look Public Outreach Campaign, Department of Public Works, City of Eugene, OR
 - Safety* Pedestrian Safety Program, Public Works Division, City of Glendale, CA