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Voices Insisting on PursuitSAFETY presents  
**The PursuitSAFETY Safer Way Award**

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## 2012 Award Guidelines and Application



### Voices Insisting on PursuitSAFETY

Recognizing officers and law enforcement departments/agencies that take steps to improve the safety of pursuits for innocent bystanders and officers

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**PursuitSAFETY**, a national nonprofit public safety organization, is pleased to announce the second annual PursuitSAFETY Safer Way Award program. This award program recognizes police officers and law enforcement departments/agencies that set into motion innovative ways to avoid police pursuits and yet bring about the apprehension of the suspect(s). This could be a creative method of apprehending a known driver or suspect(s) without a pursuit or the changing of an agency's policy and/or training practices. Information provided on the nomination form helps to determine the winner of the PursuitSAFETY Safer Way Award for 2012, which will be based on the achievements prior to and through the year 2011.

**PursuitSAFETY** thanks the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Highway Safety Committee for judging the nominees. The Committee invites all applications for this recognition. We will announce the winning agency by October 2012. The deadline for submitting nomination forms is **March 31, 2012**.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Chief Richard Schardan, Maryville, Illinois, Police Department at [saferwayaward@charter.net](mailto:saferwayaward@charter.net).

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## The Safer Way Award Criteria

Drivers who flee are not thinking about the safety of others. So the burden, by necessity, falls on law enforcement to protect innocent bystanders and themselves. **The PursuitSAFETY Safer Way Award** program recognizes police officers and law enforcement departments/agencies working for a safer way, i.e., thinking outside the box to save and, ultimately, to protect the lives of innocent bystanders as well as police officers. They do this by:

1. Implementing well-defined pursuit policies, requiring more training, enforcing accountability, supervision, and demonstrating excellence in vehicular police pursuit and response-call training or
2. Choosing not to engage in vehicular police pursuits but still apprehend suspect(s) by employing good detective work; issuing warrants for known drivers who flee; and utilizing technology and communication networks.

## Evaluation Criteria

Officer nominees will be evaluated for overall achievement toward averting or stopping a police pursuit and apprehending the suspect another way. Departments and agencies will be evaluated for the overall success of its policy, training and supervision. Criteria for selection includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Development of a new or innovative approach or technique to bring about the apprehension of a suspect without a police pursuit
- Leadership in establishing community-based awareness campaigns about the inherent risk of pursuits
- Institute a drivers' education component about police pursuits for pre-teen and teen drivers
- Innovative methods that demonstrates other ways to apprehend drivers who flee

The Highway Safety Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will judge the nominees based on achievements prior to and through the year 2011.

## Eligibility

Any accredited law enforcement department/agency and officers may apply for this award.

## Application Guidelines and Required Documents

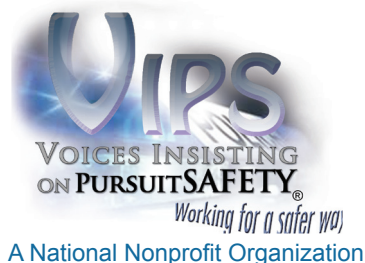
In addition to the nomination form, the following information/documents are required:

- Describe what the officer(s) or agency has done to deserve recognition. Include a one-page executive summary of how the actions of the officer(s) and/or agency impacted the actions of other officers.
- If nominee is an officer(s), provide their law enforcement background and philosophy regarding vehicular police pursuits (police pursuits and police response calls).
- If nominee is a department or agency, describe service area, number of citizens served, number of officers and other pertinent background information, such as crime statistics.
- Describe officer(s) or the department/agency's professional associations and memberships as well as community and/or youth program involvement (list for each officer nominated).
- Attach news articles and/or links to news media stories for consideration.

**Completed applications may be submitted two ways:**

Electronically to: [saferwayaward@charter.net](mailto:saferwayaward@charter.net)

U.S. Mail to: Chief Rich Schardan  
Maryville Police Department  
2500 N. Center Street  
Maryville, IL 62062



# The PursuitSAFETY Safer Way Award

## Nomination Form

The completed application is due no later than **March 31, 2012**

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### About the Nominee(s)

#### For Officers—Please use a new form for each officer:

Title & Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State/Province/Country & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Law Enforcement Departments/Agencies:

Name of Department/Agency's Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State/Province/Country & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### About the Nominator

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State/Province/Country & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Documentation Attached

- Describe actions of nominee(s)
- One-page executive summary
- Background of nominee(s)
- News media stories

### Submission

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