

NECA's Safety Recognition program include two categories, Safety Excellence, and the Zero-Injury Achievement.

NECA's Recognition of Safety Achievement program is an **elite safety recognition focused on recognizing thriving companies that excel in multiple areas of their safety and health programs**. Member companies that consistently have OSHA recordable injury and fatality rates at levels lower than the industry standard and implement internal company safety practices above and beyond basic compliance will receive the recognition.

The **Zero-Injury** recognizes those member-companies that have worked a full calendar year without recordable incidents.

The **Safety Excellence** is the association's premier recognition program and acknowledges member-contractors safety performance. When registering contractors will automatically be entered into two Safety Recognition Programs: Zero Injury and Safety Excellence. Winners are selected based on their comparison to BLS data and electrical contractors.

The **NECA Safety Ambassadors Medal** recognizes the top NECA member that has exemplified superior performance in the area of safety providing leadership, support and recognition to employees that lead by example. The NECA Safety Ambassadors medal recipient is selected for achieving a superior safety performance score in the NECA Recognition of Safety Achievement Programs. This cumulative score is based on a point system for having injury and illness rates and an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) which are better than the BLS Statistics, OSHA, insurance, and industry safety standards.

This year, the announcement of the **NECA Safety Ambassadors Medal** recipient will be **April 15, 2024**. The member company that receives the NECA Safety Ambassadors Medal will get two free registrations to the NECA Safety Professionals Conference, one for senior management and one for the company safety professional to accept the medal during the NECA Recognition of Safety Achievement announcements at the NSPC.

NECA Safety will also recognize the top **NECA District Participation** in the NECA Recognition of Safety Achievement Program.

The Application Process

1. The program opens on **January 2, 2024**, and will close on **March 4, 2024**.
2. Applications received after **March 4, 2024**, will not be considered as program participants.
3. Finalist applications will then be sent to district for review.
4. Safety Excellence and Zero Injury plaques will be sent directly to winning companies and will be recognized at association national, chapter and district meetings including the [NECA Safety Professionals Conference](#).
5. Only **one** application submission is required to be entered for both recognition programs.
6. **NOTE:** *the username and password for the recognition website is separate from your NECAnet username and password. You must register as a new participant in the NECA Recognition of Safety program every year.*

Data Evaluated

There Are Four Parts To The Selection Criteria:

1. Incident Rates
 - Recordable Cases
 - Lost Workday
 - Non-Fatal Cases Without Lost Workdays
 - Fatalities
2. Experience Modification Rate (**EMR past 3 years documented**)
3. OSHA Citations
4. Operations and Best Practices

Note: *Frequency and severity rating are important, but the rates will not be the sole source for determining winners. Additional criteria such as leading indicator initiatives will also be considered.*

Man-Hours Categories:

- 1 to 25,000 man-hours
- 25,001 to 50,000 man-hours
- 50,001 to 100,000 man-hours
- 100,001 to 150,000 man-hours
- Over 150,001 man-hours

Schedule & Deadlines

- **March 4, 2024:** applications must be received, no late applications will be accepted.
- **March 25, 2024:** applications will be evaluated and selection of finalists.
- **April 15, 2024:** NECA will post Recognition of Achievement in Safety Excellence and Zero Injury recipients on website.
- **April 15, 2024:** Announcement of **NECA Safety Ambassador Medal** recipient
- **May 22, 2024:** NECA Safety Professionals Conference Recognition.
- **June 3, 2024:** Safety Excellence and Zero Injury plaques and letters will be distributed.

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