



# The National Law Enforcement Challenge

## What is the National Law Enforcement Challenge?

The National Law Enforcement Challenge (NLEC) is a national traffic safety awards program that recognizes excellent law enforcement traffic safety programs. The program focuses on three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. It also provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to make a difference in the communities they serve, to learn from one another, and to establish future goals in traffic safety enforcement and education.

## What is on the application?

The application has five sections. Completing the application involves answering quantitative questions about your department and traffic-related efforts, writing short narratives, and attaching supporting documents related to—Policies and Guidelines, Training, Incentives and Recognition, Public Information and Education, Enforcement Activity, and Effectiveness.

## How does my agency apply?

The 2012 NLEC application is now entirely online. Applications must be submitted by midnight May 1, 2013. Agencies may work on their applications and save them to be finalized and submitted at a later date, but applications must be completed and submitted before the deadline. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated.

## What's in it for my agency?

The NLEC is a unique way for law enforcement agencies to increase their attention to traffic safety. It 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 a car.



Montana State Patrol  
2011 Ford Expedition EL Winner

## How are the applications evaluated?

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

After judging is completed, the judges' scores are averaged 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.

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## 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](http://www.theiacp.org/NLEC) to access these documents.

### Resources

**How to Complete Your Online Application:** This document walks you through the step-by-step process your agency will need to follow to submit your 2012 application online. Submissions are due May 1, 2013 and will only be accepted online.

**Completing the Law Enforcement Challenge Application:** 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.

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## More Information

For more information about the NLEC or for assistance with your application, visit [www.theiacplorg/NLEC](http://www.theiacplorg/NLEC) or contact Sarah Horn at (800) THE-IACP, ext. 215.

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