



# AAA School Safety Patrol

## LIFESAVING MEDAL

**2019-2020 Deadline for Nominations: Friday, April 3, 2020**

A proud tradition since it began in the U.S. in 1920, the AAA School Safety Patrol program equips Patrollers with the skills and resources needed to help children commute to and from school safely. More than 675,000 Patrollers in 35,000 U.S. schools dedicate their time to ensure pedestrians are safe. Patrollers have contributed to a major reduction in pedestrian fatalities and injuries.

### The Lifesaving Medal

The AAA School Safety Patrol Lifesaving Medal is the highest award given to a Patroller. Recipients are select Patrollers who, while on duty, have saved the life of a person in imminent danger.

AAA initiated the program to recognize Patrollers for heroic lifesaving acts. Since the Lifesaving Medal's inception in 1949, 436 boys and girls have received the award.

A panel of individual AAA clubs and representatives from the AAA National Office will select deserving medal recipients from the nominated candidates.



### Recommendation Qualifications

The Lifesaving Medal honors a member of any authorized AAA School Safety Patrol when there is conclusive proof that:

- The life of the person saved was in imminent danger.
- The act was performed while the Patroller was on authorized duty, going to or from a duty post, or while on duty as a Bus Patrol member. (NOTE: If the Patroller's duty or location is different than recommended in the AAA School Safety Patrol Operations Manual, the documentation should include local instructions to this effect).
- No negligence on the part of the Patroller caused or contributed to the person rescued being placed in the situation where his or her life was endangered.
- The act occurred from January 2019 to April 2020.

### Recommendation Procedures

There are no restrictions on who may recommend a Patroller for a Lifesaving Medal. Anyone who sees or has reliable information on a Patroller performing a lifesaving act may do so. The program Advisor is responsible for approving the initial recommendation and should investigate all circumstances surrounding the act. The recommendation process has four steps:

1. Complete the official Recommendation Form.
2. Gather supporting material.
3. Diagram the lifesaving incident.
4. Submit all materials to Mark Peterson, AAA-The Auto Club Group, 600 W. Travelers Trail, Burnsville, MN 55337 by Friday, April 3, 2020.

### Important!

The more detail you can provide in the application packet, the better. Please be sure all sections are filled out completely, and all supporting documentation is included with your submission.

## Item 1: Recommendation Form

The Recommendation Form is used to review the case. It must be filled out neatly, accurately and completely. The more detailed the information, the better.

## Item 2: Supporting Material

Supporting documentation must substantiate and clarify the act described on the Recommendation Form. When possible, include:

- Descriptive signed statement from the witness or witnesses
- Descriptive statements from:
  - The operator of the vehicle(s) involved in the incident
  - The person(s) rescued
  - The nominee
- Letter from the school principal, a teacher or the Patrol Advisor indicating:
  - Whether the Patroller was on duty at his or her specific station
  - Where other Patrollers on duty were stationed
  - What other Patrollers on duty were doing
- Photographs and/or video of the scene
- Police report(s) if the incident was investigated
- Media articles and pictures pertaining to the incident

## Item 3: Diagram

A clear, accurate diagram on an unlined sheet of paper at least 8½" x 11" in size must depict the circumstances surrounding the entire lifesaving sequence (see sample diagram on page 3). You may draw your own or use the blank diagram on page 7. Photos of the school zone, Patroller and other details also are helpful. When possible, the diagram should:

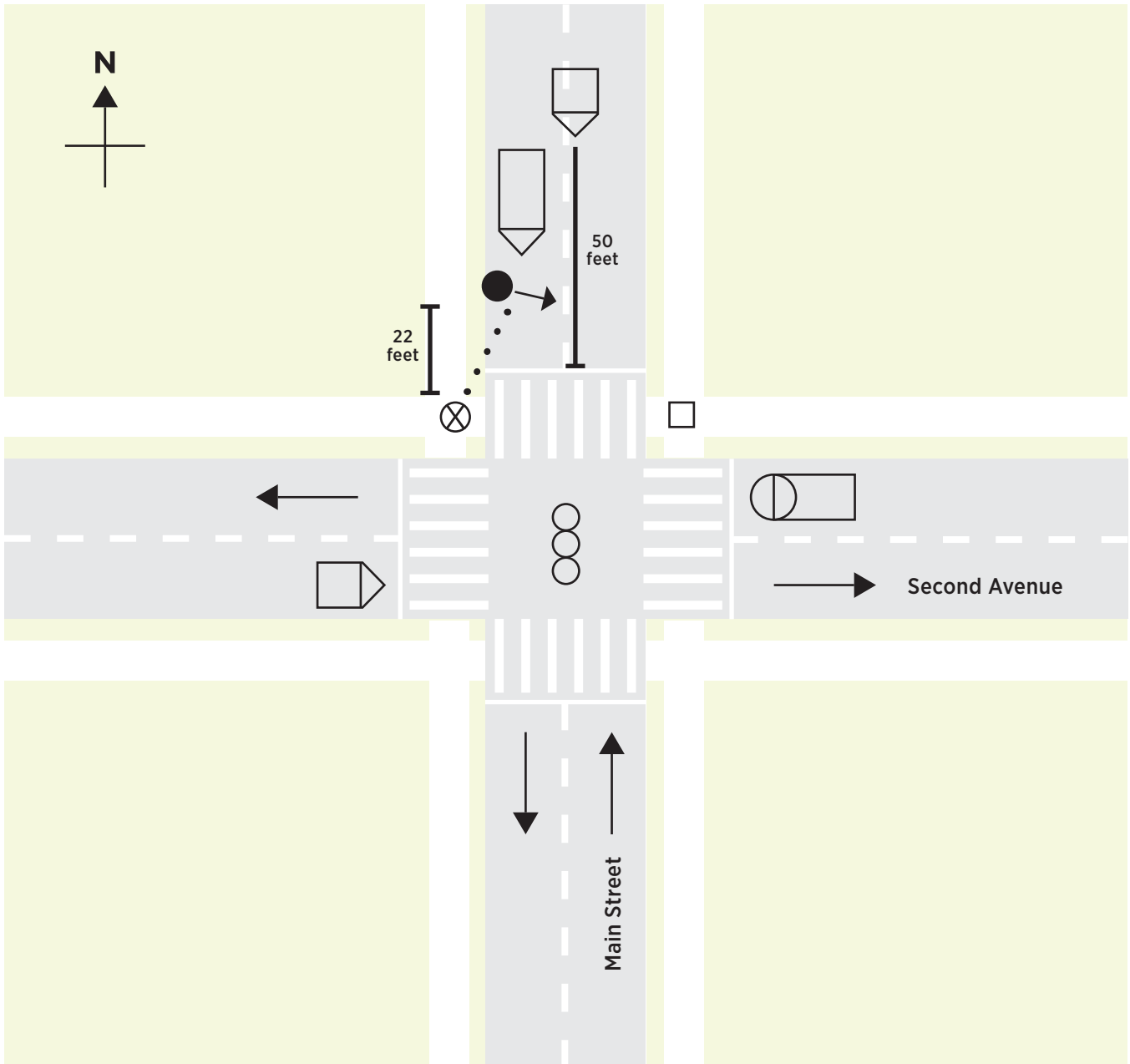
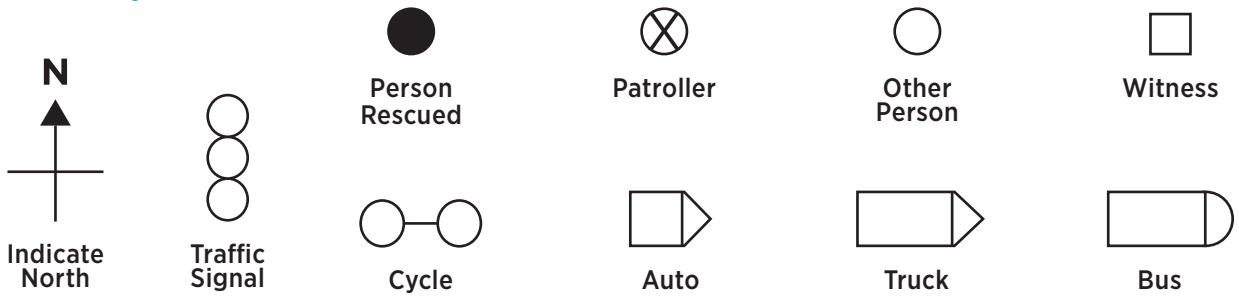
- Use solid lines to outline the roadway, sidewalks and nearby vicinity at the scene of the incident
- Indicate obstructions, such as parked cars, trucks, trees or buildings, that blocked the views of the Patroller, vehicle driver or pedestrian
- Mark the locations of the person(s) and vehicle(s) involved at the moment the Patroller realized the danger
- Use solid lines to show the paths of the endangered person(s) and vehicle(s) before the Patroller acted
- Use dotted lines to show the paths of the Patroller, rescued person(s) and vehicle(s) after the Patroller initiated action
- Indicate the direction and estimated speed of the vehicle(s) involved
- Indicate the location of traffic signs, signals, crosswalks, police officers, witnesses and others involved
- Show relevant distances, street widths and roadway directions (i.e., one- or two-way)

## Item 4: Submitting Recommendations

- Lifesaving acts performed during the current school year are eligible for consideration.
- The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 1, 2019.
- Recommendations should be submitted as soon as possible so that necessary documentation can be obtained while the information is still fresh.
- If the lifesaving incident takes place after the submission deadline or close enough to it that documentation cannot be compiled in time, the case will be considered for the following year. If a delay occurs due to another cause, please explain fully.

# Sample Diagram

## Symbol Key





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### Recommendation Form

\* Names will appear on awards exactly as they are listed below. Please verify spellings of names and school. If writing, print clearly.

#### School Information

\*School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Persons Involved

##### Patroller

\*Patroller Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of Service (Months): \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Duty:  Regular  Substitute  
 Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Person Rescued

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Date and Location

Date of Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 At Intersection (Name of Cross Streets): \_\_\_\_\_ and: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If Not at Intersection (Name of Nearest Street): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Feet from Nearest Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Direction:  North  South  East  West  
 Posted Speed Limit: \_\_\_\_\_ Volume of Traffic:  Heavy  Moderate  Light

## Vehicles Involved

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Condition of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_  
Damage to other vehicles or property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action of driver: \_\_\_\_\_  
Violations (Exceeding speed limit, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Driver issued a summons?  Yes  No  
Valid license:  Yes  No

## Conditions

Weather:  Clear  Cloudy  Raining  Snowing  Fog Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_°F  
Road Condition:  Dry  Wet  Snow  Ice  Slick (mud/oil)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Road Surface:  Concrete  Asphalt  Brick  Gravel  Unpaved  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Road Character:  Straight  Curves  Level  Upgrade  Downgrade  Hillcrest  
Locality:  Industrial  Shopping/Business  School Playground  Residential  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one, indicating that 50 percent or more of area along street for 300 ft. was):

## Description of Occurrence

Rescued person was:  On the way to school  Going home  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rescued person used route:  Always  Frequently  Rarely  
Rescued person's clothing was:  Light  Dark  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Traffic lanes:  Unmarked  Marked  Separated  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Traffic controls:  None  Signs  Traffic signals  Pedestrian control devices  Police officer  Adult crossing guard

**Please consider carefully when estimating speeds and distances. Attach diagram to illustrate this information**

At the moment the Patroller realized a person was in danger, what was:

- (a) The location/distance of the vehicle from the Patroller on duty? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) The location/distance of the vehicle from the person in danger? \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) The direction the vehicle was traveling? \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) The estimated speed of the vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

Action of person in danger?

Action of Patroller?

## Recommended by

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If recommender did not see the act, what is the basis for the recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_

## Witnesses

We, the undersigned, witnessed the reported lifesaving act, find the facts to be true and correct, and submit our own description of what happened:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reviewer

I have investigated this recommendation, find the reported facts to be correct, and endorse the recommendation for a Lifesaving Medal award.

AAA School Safety Patrol Advisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attest Nomination:

Principal signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Police Safety Officer signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

## Submitting Recommendations

Submit completed recommendations to Mark Peterson, AAA-The Auto Club Group, 600 W. Travelers Trail, Burnsville, MN 55337 by Friday, April 3, 2020.

# Diagram

## Symbol Key

