

## **VA AWWA LARRY GORDON SAFETY AWARD**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the VA AWWA Larry Gordon Safety Award is to encourage members to engage in an active and effective safety program in water utilities in the aspects of source water, water treatment, and water testing and water distribution.

### **Benefits of Submitting an Application:**

- Benchmark your facility safety program
- Remove or mitigate safety hazards
- Promotes facility safety awareness among staff and management
- Identify safety program improvements
- Reduce workplace accidents
- Be recognized as a safe workplace by peers
- Helps prepare your facility and staff for a Virginia OSHA (VOSH) Inspection
- Demonstrates to your employee's management's commitment to a safe work environment

**Notes:**

1. Facilities that received this award within the previous two years are not eligible.
2. Facilities that have applied in previous years and have not won this award are encouraged to apply.
3. At least one (1) employee of the nominated facility must have a current membership status (in any category) in VA AWWA.

**Facility Inspection:** Upon receipt of your application (Refer to page 2), the VA AWWA Safety Awards champion will schedule a visit to your facility to review your overall safety program. A winner will be selected by **August 30, 2023**, and notified as soon as the results are final. The winning facility will be recognized with an award presented at the 2023 Joint Annual Meeting (WaterJAM).

**Areas of Interest** to the inspection team are; but are not limited to:

- Evidence of a good safety record
- Facility written Safety Program
- Maintenance of all safety equipment (Life Safety & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE))
- A walkthrough of the facility for safety compliance and level of security
- Any other information that would complement the facility's safety compliance and level of security.
- Safety Training Course Program & Documentation of syllabus and attendance.

All eligible VA AWWA Larry Gordon Award winners will be submitted for the AWWA Wendell LaDue Utility Safety Award.

Submit your nomination at: <https://vaawwa.typeform.com/facilityaward>