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## **National Safety Council presents Distinguished Service to Safety Awards** *Individuals honored for their commitment to safety and health*

Philadelphia – Today, the National Safety Council recognized five individuals with the highest honor it bestows on safety professionals. The Distinguished Service to Safety Award is presented annually to individuals who, throughout their careers, have demonstrated outstanding service to the field of safety and health.

NSC honored these five recipients at the Opening Session of its annual Congress & Expo – the largest gathering of safety and health professionals. Honorees are nominated either by one of the NSC occupational volunteer groups or the Board of Directors.

“We are pleased to recognize the lifetime commitment to safety and health these DSSA recipients have demonstrated. Similar to the mission of the Council, each of these honorees have dedicated their lives to preventing injuries and deaths,” said Janet Froetscher, National Safety Council president and CEO.

Receiving this year’s Distinguished Service to Safety Award are:

### **Joseph A. Branco, CSP, CUSA**

*Corporate Safety Manager*

Quanta Services, Inc.

*Recognized for outstanding efforts within the Utilities Division*

### **Gary Catapano**

*Sr. Vice President of Safety*

FirstGroup, North American Operations

*Recognized for outstanding efforts within the Transportation Division*

### **J. Terrence Grisim, CSP, CDS, CPSM, ARM**

*President*

Safety Management Consultants, Inc.

*Recognized for outstanding efforts within the Business & Industry Division*

### **Lonnie Logan**

*Safety Chair*

IBEW Local 1379

*Recognized for outstanding efforts within the Labor Division*

### **David F. Matthes, CSP, CSHM**

*Corporate Safety Director*

J.F. White Contracting Company, Inc.

*Recognized for outstanding efforts within the Construction Division*

### **About the National Safety Council**

Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, the National Safety Council ([nsc.org](http://nsc.org)) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. NSC advances this mission by partnering with businesses, government agencies, elected officials and the public to make an impact where the most preventable injuries and deaths occur, in areas such as distracted driving, teen driving, workplace safety and beyond the workplace, particularly in and near our homes.

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