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National Safety Council Labor Division Honors Member for Lifetime Service to Safety

Itasca, IL –The National Safety Council Labor Division recently presented the Edward Eagan “Soldier of Safety” award to Louis Walter at a luncheon meeting in Biloxi, MS. The Edward Eagan “Soldier of Safety” award, first presented in 1999, is a tribute to the ideals and guidance Edward Eagan practiced every day in the promotion of safety and health for the American worker.

Walter’s career began in 1968, where he served as an apprentice lineman for five years with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) LU 17, in Detroit. Since then, he has held multiple positions with IBEW LU 77 in Seattle, including vice president and member of their safety committee. Through his work with IBEW and Seattle City Light, where he worked for almost 20 years before retiring, Walter educated his fellow employees on safety concerns and potential hazards in the electrical field.

“Lou Walter has demonstrated a true devotion to safety promotion throughout his extensive career, just as Edward Eagan did,” said Sloane Grubb, volunteer manager of the National Safety Council. “The Labor Division is proud to present Mr. Walter with this award for outstanding efforts in championing safety.”

Walter has been a member of the NSC Labor Division since 2001, and has served as chairman of the Utilities’ Safety and Health Committee since 2006. Currently, through his membership of the Electrical Utility Safety Advisory Committee of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, Walter develops safety rules for electrical facilities.

Edward Eagan was part of IBEW Local 103 and served as a highly-regarded labor liaison with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Eagan passed away in 1997. The U.S. Secretary of Labor at the time, Alexis M. Herman, wrote in a tribute: “Eddie Eagan’s passing is a monumental loss to OSHA and the Department of Labor, but most of all to the working men and women to whom he devoted his own working life.”

About the National Safety Council

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