

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREW H. CARD, JR.
AAA SAFETY PATROL CEREMONY
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Event: 4-8 minute remarks. Present awards.

- The School Safety Patrol program has existed more than 70 years -- millions of young people have been members, including myself. (*Personal recollections*)
- The actions of these Safety Patrol members serve as a model for Patrol members everywhere -- as well as a symbol of excellence for all young people.
- None of these young men and women set out to win an award. They simply did their jobs to the best of their ability. And their best turned out to be exceptional.
- Those who earn this award know the meaning of courage -- the courage to take responsibility ... the courage to care for their fellow students ... the courage to face danger on behalf of others.
- We have with us seven outstanding examples of heroism. They range from age 9 to 13 and come from cities throughout America -- from Modesto, California to Rochester, New York.

- Three of today's winners were involved in a single incident. They jointly pulled a 6-year-old from the path of a bus after the child -- who had bolted into the street -- slipped on a patch of ice. Others saved a child from choking to death ... from an attack from a vicious dog ... from a speeding car or bus.
- *Poeuth (po-eth) Pann, Wendy Bertram, Jamie Archer, Matthew (jew-be) Juby, Heather (an-drus) Andrus, Diane Figler and Elizabeth Lauer -- are truly heroes.*
- These young men and women demonstrate to us that their generation has the "right stuff." That young people today throughout America are willing to take responsibility ... are willing to make sacrifices ... are committed to making America a better place to live.
- (Awards to be presented. AAA official will read award winning actions.)

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