

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK FEBRUARY 19-25, 2023

WIN A GRAIN RESCUE TUBE AND TRAINING FOR
YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!



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When someone becomes helplessly engulfed in grain, rural firefighters are often the first and only line of defense. Unfortunately, many departments lack the specialized techniques and equipment necessary for a successful grain bin rescue. Nationwide Insurance once again is teaming up with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), Peosta, Iowa, to award emergency first responders with grain rescue tubes and hands-on rescue training to help save lives.

The **Nominate Your Fire Department Contest** is part of Nationwide's annual Grain Bin Safety Week, which will run February 19 - 25, 2023.

Winners will receive:

- **One (1) grain rescue tube, valued between \$3,000 and \$5,000**
- **One (1) six-hour grain entrapment rescue training session, at winner's location, valued at up to \$5,000.**

Training includes proper rescue procedures and use of the grain rescue tube, rescue auger, body harness/lifelines, and lockout/tagout.

The contest begins on January 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. CT and extends through April 30, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CT. Only entries submitted during this time will be considered for the contest.

To enter, describe how your local fire department or emergency rescue team and community would benefit from grain entrapment training and a rescue tube, as well as how the tube and training could be shared with nearby departments. Please include:

- **Your name**
- **Occupation**
- **Phone number**
- **Mailing address**
- **Email address**
- **Name, address and phone number of the fire department or rescue team being nominated**

Contest entries are accepted from the public as well as from firefighters who wish to nominate their own fire department. Employees and agents of Nationwide are not eligible to submit nominations for the contest.

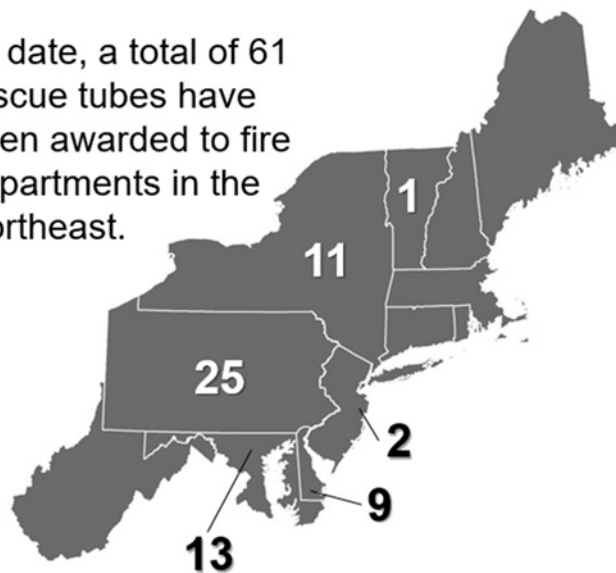
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Nominations can be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Online: <https://www.mynsightonline.com/grain-bin-safety/participate-partner/nominate>
2. Via email: gbswinfo@nationwide.com
3. Mail to: NECAS, Grain Bin Safety Ag Contest, 8342 NICC Dr., Peosta, IA 52068

Since 2014, the contest has received over 9,000 nominations and has awarded grain rescue tubes and hands-on rescue training to 272 fire departments in 31 states. Five of these fire departments have used their rescue tubes to save the lives of entrapped workers. Dan Neenan, Director of NECAS, travels with a state-of-the-art grain entrapment simulator on a 20 foot trailer to deliver the rescue tube and training to the winning fire departments. In 2022, a total of 58 rescue tubes were awarded across the nation. Since the program's inception, a number of rescue tubes have been awarded to fire departments in Northeastern states:

To date, a total of 61 rescue tubes have been awarded to fire departments in the Northeast.



For more information on this topic, e-mail jim.carrabba@bassett.org or call (800) 343-7527 ext. 2216. The mission of the Northeast Center is to enhance the health of ag, forestry and fishery workers by identifying priority health and safety issues and collaborating with those workers and stakeholders to develop prevention solutions.

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