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41 life-saving grain rescue tubes awarded to rural fire departments

- Nationwide and partners will deliver life-saving grain rescue tubes and hands-on training to 41 fire departments across the U.S.
- Since beginning its Grain Bin Safety advocacy campaign in 2014, Nationwide has awarded 152 grain rescue tubes and training to rural fire departments in 29 states
- Four grain rescue tubes have been put to use to [save lives of farmers trapped in grain bins](#)

Due to last season's wet harvest, grain bin deaths have [spiked](#) in 2019 and early 2020. These all-too-common accidents result in dozens of lost lives each year as thousands of farmers and commercial grain handlers risk their lives by entering grain bins to remove clumped or rotted grain. An accident in a grain bin can quickly turn deadly since an adult can sink to their waist in flowing grain in just seconds, leaving them trapped without proper rescue devices.

To lead the fight against these accidents impacting agriculture communities, the country's leading insurer of farms and ranches¹, Nationwide, in partnership with the [National Education Center for Agricultural Safety \(NECAS\)](#), is awarding 41 fire departments across the country with life-saving grain rescue tubes and hands-on training to prepare them to respond when grain accidents occur.

In 2014, Nationwide initiated its [Grain Bin Safety](#) advocacy campaign to educate those entering grain bins about the hazards involved and the importance of implementing safe entry procedures. A central piece of the campaign, the [Nominate Your Fire Department Contest](#), aims to address the lack of specialized resources available to rural fire departments who are responding to bin entrapments. With 2020's donations included, Nationwide has awarded grain rescue tubes and training to 152 fire departments in 30 states.

After receiving more than 1,000 nominations in this year's contest, Nationwide and its [partners](#) are proud to award grain rescue tubes and training to the following 41 fire departments:

1. Adams Rural Fire, Adams, NE
2. Addieville Community Fire Protection District, Addieville, IL
3. Avoca Fire Department, Avoca, PA
4. Berlin Township Fire Department, Berlin Heights, OH
5. Bleckley County Fire, Cochran, GA
6. Brainard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, Brainard, NE
7. Burlingame/Osage County Fire District No. 6, Burlingame, KS
8. Camden Township Fire Department, Kipton, OH
9. Campbellsport Volunteer Fire Department, Campbellsport, WI
10. Carlisle Fire Company, Milford, DE
11. Carter Fire District, Dale, IN
12. Chilton Fire Department, Chilton, WI
13. Crothersville-Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department, Crothersville, IN
14. DeRuyter Fire, DeRuyter, NY
15. Drayton Fire Department, Drayton, ND
16. Earling Fire and Rescue Department, Earling, IA
17. Ellis County Fire Department, Hays, KS
18. Gilt Edge Volunteer Fire Department, Burlison, TN
19. Goodwill Fire Company, Centreville, MD
20. Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire, Grimes, IA
21. Hartwick Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Hartwick, IA

22. Hazelton Township Fire Department, New Lothrop, MI
23. Hospers Fire, Hospers, IA
24. Hoyleton Fire Protection District, Hoyleton, IL
25. Iron Ridge Fire, Iron Ridge, WI
26. Jordan Fire Department, Jordan, MN
27. Laura Fire Department, Laura, OH
28. Lu Verne Fire Department, Lu Verne, IA
29. Miesville Fire Department, Hastings, MN
30. Nerstrand Fire Rescue, Nerstrand, MN
31. Nevada Fire, Nevada, MO
32. New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, New Haven, VT
33. New Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Marshville, NC
34. The Odessa Fire Company, Odessa, DE
35. Peach Orchard Volunteer Fire Department, Peach Orchard, AR
36. Poole Community Fire Department, Sebree, KY
37. Rockingham County Fire and Rescue, Harrisonburg, VA
38. Shelburn Fire Department, Sullivan, IN
39. St. Olaf Fire Department, St. Olaf, IA
40. Tri Cities Fire Protection District, Jasper, MO
41. Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company, Womelsdorf, PA

“We began our Grain Bin Safety campaign in 2014 to support the agriculture community and put an end to avoidable deaths from individuals entering grain bins without recognizing the dangers and taking precautions,” said Brad Liggett, president of Nationwide Agribusiness. “Thanks to the generous and increasing support of our partners, I’m extremely proud to say that we’re providing more rescue tubes and training to first responders this year than we have ever before.”

NECAS, based out of Peosta, IA, will deliver the tubes and training to the winning fire departments throughout 2020. Since 2014, four fire departments have put their rescue tubes and training to action by [rescuing workers trapped in grain bins](#).

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