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# Winners In the 2000 Safety Poster Contest

On the opposite page is this year's **1ST PLACE** Safety Poster contest winner submitted by **Mario Mata** Local 11, Los Angeles, California.

The following is a list of other winners whose posters will appear in future issues of the *IBEW Journal*.

### 2ND PLACE

**Ed VandeRiet**  
Local Union 1439  
St. Louis, Missouri

### 3RD PLACE

**Sheree Canfield**  
Local Union 2154  
Buffalo, New York

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

**Eric Evans**  
Local Union 1393  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**David McDermott**  
Local Union 2015  
Danbury, Connecticut

## National Safety Council Award

The National Safety Council Labor Division has presented the first Edward Eagan Soldier of Safety Commendation to Brother Charles "Chuck" Monahan, financial secretary of IBEW Local 103, Boston, Massachusetts.

The National Safety Council awards program, now in its 35th year, recognizes "exemplary union safety programs and individuals."

The Soldier of Safety Commendation memorializes the late Brother Edward Eagan, also from IBEW Local 103, who served as a highly regarded labor liaison with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. He passed away in 1997.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman, in a tribute to the memory of Eagan, wrote that "Eddie Eagan's passing is a monumental loss to OSHA and the Department of Labor..." and that he "made sure that OSHA never lost sight of its mission. ..."

Brother Charles Monahan was initiated into Local 103 in 1967 as an electrical apprentice and graduated from the apprenticeship program in 1970. In 1971 he was appointed steward for 80 members on a construction project for an addition to a U.S. Postal Service headquarters in Boston. The project was a true test of safety practices because of the potential hazards inherent in the installation of miles of intricate conveyors. Brother Monahan saw the job to completion without any serious accidents. Prior to his election as financial secretary in

1999, Brother Monahan also served Local 103 as Executive Board member, recording secretary and business agent.

In 1984 he attended the Harvard Trade Union Program. The intense program meant living on campus for 13 weeks with 28 other union officers from around the world. Lecture and discussion topics included safety and health issues in the workplace.

"Our right to negotiate safety and health language into our agreements enabled us to set up a Safety and Health Committee... which improved the quality of life for our members," said Monahan. Local 103 has begun safety awareness classes for apprentices and drastically reduced accidents through teaching and enforcement.

"I was very fortunate to have a special tutor in my life regarding safety and health and commitment to members," said Brother Monahan. "This person was Ed Eagan, the most committed human being I have ever known. Ed taught me to be strong on safety and health issues and how to get results for the membership."

