



## SEI - Your Symbol of Quality in Safety Equipment

## News Release

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### ANSI Awards Ritterbusch Medal to Patricia Gleason



McLean, VA . . . . October 2015. Patricia Gleason, president of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI), was awarded the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Gerald H. Ritterbusch Conformity Assessment Medal, which honors distinguished service in promoting the understanding and application of conformity assessment methods as a means of providing confidence in standards compliance for the marketplace.

More than 100 members of the ANSI federation gathered in Washington, DC during World Standards Week to honor 21 recipients of ANSI 2015 Leadership and Service Awards at the 2015 ANSI World Standards Week Awards Banquet and Ceremony on September 30 in Washington, DC. Award recipients were recognized for their significant contributions to national and international standardization activities, as well as an ongoing commitment to their industry, their nation, and the enhancement of the global voluntary consensus standards system.

The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI), headquartered in McLean, Virginia, is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1981 to administer the first non-governmental, third-party certification program to test for public safety, and certify a broad range of safety equipment products. The purpose of SEI's certification program is to assist government agencies along with users and manufacturers of safety equipment in meeting their mutual goal of protecting workers and consumers with safety equipment in keeping with recognized standards and the current state of the art.



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The SEI certification programs encompass annual product testing of all certified safety and protective equipment product models and quality assurance audits are conducted annually at the manufacturer's facility. SEI certifies hard hats, safety eyewear, emergency eyewash and safety showers, bump caps; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA and rescue tools, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) and thermal imaging cameras for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, football and baseball/softball helmets, lacrosse balls and helmets, soccer shin guards and equestrian vests and helmets.

Information about SEI's certification program and the most current version of the SEI Certified Product List can be accessed on SEI's web site, [www.SEInet.org](http://www.SEInet.org). The SEI home page includes the SEI Certified Product List which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.

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