

CHRISTOPHE LENGLOS AWARD ROAD RESCUE NOMINATION FORM

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATIVE BODY

Who is submitting the nomination?

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Category in which the nomination is made:

D) Individual

28) Name of the individual : Jean Jacques GUELFUCCI

29) Position of the individual : Adjudant in SDIS du Gard (SDIS 30) , has been part of road rescue scenario conceptors for French rescue challenge .

30) Country of origin : France

31) The nominee has made a significant contribution to the evolution of road rescue techniques by providing a practical solution to a common problem encountered in traffic accidents: the inability to tilt or move the backrest of a damaged front seat.

Traditionally, this situation required cutting the backrest using cutting tools in the immediate vicinity of the victim—a method that posed additional risks and required more time.

Drawing on operational experience, the nominee initiated an effort to improve this practice. He first helped develop a device to temporarily restore power to electric seats, in partnership with the company SCORPE. Seeking to take this further, he also facilitated collaboration between emergency services and engineers from the manufacturer Renault to share the challenges encountered in the field.

This collaboration led to the development of a simple mechanical solution enabling the rapid removal of the seatback, even when severely damaged. Unveiled at the French Road Rescue Challenge 2025 in Châteauroux, this proposal of innovation was very well received by the professional community and helps improve the safety and efficiency of extrication operations.

32) The nominee's approach is exemplary, as it stems directly from the analysis of real-world incidents and aims to improve the efficiency and safety of road rescue operations. By identifying a recurring challenge—the inability to tilt a damaged front seat—he helped develop a solution that avoids the need to cut the seatback near the victim.

Through collaboration with engineers from the manufacturer Renault, a simple solution for the rapid removal of the seatback was developed. The aim of the innovation reduces the time required to reach the victim, minimizes the risk of further injury, and enhances safety for rescue personnel.

By optimizing space clearance and facilitating early medical care, this innovation helps make extrication operations faster and safer, thereby increasing the survival chances of traffic accident victims.

33) The nominee demonstrated operational leadership by transforming a field-based challenge into a collaborative initiative bringing together emergency responders, industrial partners, and the road rescue professional community.

By fostering dialogue between rescue teams and engineers from the manufacturer Renault, he helped develop a practical solution designed to improve access to victims during vehicle extrication operations.

His involvement in presenting and disseminating this technique at professional events— particularly road rescue challenges—demonstrates his ability to work as part of a team, share knowledge, and unite stakeholders around a common goal: enhancing victim safety and intervention efficiency.

Through this collaborative approach, he actively contributes to the values and objectives upheld by the World Rescue Organisation.

34) The nominee actively contributes to disseminating best practices in road rescue by sharing insights gained from field experience during training sessions, operational debriefings, and professional events. After identifying a recurring issue regarding front-seat movement during accidents, he translated this field observation into a simple, replicable technical modification.

This approach was presented and demonstrated at the National Road Rescue Challenge by the nominee with Renault tertiary team in Châteauroux (French rescue challenge 2025) , enabling rescue teams to discover the method and incorporate it into their own practices. The nominee will also participate next September to the Renault Group Workshops dedicated to road rescue , to show and explain to his colleagues how this innovation will work and can be easily used during road rescue intervention.

By fostering dialogue among responders and collaborating with industry partners such as Renault, the candidate helps share knowledge and develop sustainable solutions that enhance overall road rescue capabilities.

35) The nominee carries out his duties with a high standard of ethical conduct, consistently placing the safety, dignity, and best interests of victims at the heart of their commitment to road rescue. His work aims primarily to reduce risks for those involved in traffic accidents and to enhance the safety of emergency responders.

In his training, knowledge-sharing, and technical development activities, he acts with professionalism, impartiality, and respect for the confidentiality of operations. He promotes an approach based on equal treatment, inter-agency cooperation, and the open sharing of knowledge for the benefit of the entire rescue community.

Through his unwavering commitment and sense of responsibility, he embodies the values of integrity, respect for the individual, and fairness that underpin the ethics of road rescue.

36) The nominee actively contributes to raising awareness about the importance of road rescue by sharing field-based challenges with the professional community and automotive industry stakeholders. By highlighting the operational difficulties associated with front-seat mobility during accidents, he fostered a constructive dialogue between emergency services and the manufacturer Renault, aiming to improve technical solutions for victim safety.

His work was also showcased at the 2025 National Road Rescue Challenge, helping to disseminate this future innovation and drive the evolution of practices within the rescue community.

Through this proactive approach, he helps advance the conversation regarding tertiary safety and the adaptation of vehicles to the requirements of rescue operations.