



2026 Templeton-Cox Trauma Prevention Recognition Award

Presented by the American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division

Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr., a world-renowned pediatric surgeon and Director of Trauma with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, is remembered by many for his devotion to his patients, his passion for asking the "big" questions, and his commitment to countless worthwhile causes. During his 28 years as President of the American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) Board of Directors, Dr. Templeton helped lay the groundwork for an ever-expanding trauma prevention program in the Commonwealth.

Julia Cox McCarter, MS Ed, CRNA, served as Executive Director of the American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division for 25 years. Prior to her leadership at ATSPA, she served as Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Health. Her accomplishments include chairing Pennsylvania's first Organ Donor Program, which served as a national model and authoring the state's first helicopter evacuation protocol, now known as MedEvac. A lifelong advocate for trauma prevention, Julia was instrumental in securing funding, building partnerships, and implementing programs that advanced injury prevention across the Commonwealth.

In honor of the above-mentioned trauma prevention Champions, the Pennsylvania Division of the American Trauma Society has elected to honor an individual or group who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in **trauma prevention**. The honoree is someone who exemplifies the goals of the ATSPA in preventing needless injury and death. Nominees can be any individual or group who has shown a determination to excel in **trauma prevention**.

To nominate an individual or group for this award, please complete the online nomination form by following the link below.

If, for some reason, the award recipient is unable to attend, it is expected that the nominator will attend to accept the award on behalf of the awardee.

The award recipient will be invited to attend the 2026 National Injury Prevention Day advocacy event, at no cost, on (Nov. 18, 2026) and will receive a commemorative award plaque.

Nominations must be received no later than **Friday, August 14th, 2026**. Submit a nomination by [clicking here](#).