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## **Clayton County Chairman Jeff Turner Wins 2015-16 Public Leadership Award**

**Atlanta (Nov. 17, 2015)** – Clayton County (GA) Commission Chairman Jeffery E. Turner has been selected as the [Safe America Foundation's](#) 2015-16 *WorldSafe Public Leadership Award* recipient. Chairman Turner is receiving the award in recognition of his leadership in helping economic development Atlanta's Southside and his work to enhance the safety and quality of life in the multi-county Southern Crescent.

"The Chairman's leadership in building a more transparent government in Clayton County cannot be understated," noted Len Pagano, Safe America President and CEO. "He has been at the forefront of changes that are positively reorienting the way people throughout Atlanta view the Southside."

When it comes to safety, many issues today concern people. Each year the Safe America Foundation recognizes the top organizations, individuals and nonprofits that have made a significant impact on security and societal stability with its WorldSafe Awards.

Presentation of the award to Mr. Turner is on Saturday, November 21 at Safe America's [Play It Safe on the Home Front Gala](#) event at the Omni Hotel, CNN Center in Atlanta, GA. In addition to an awards dinner, the event will showcase Safe America's efforts to enhance safety and preparedness, including its newest initiative, [Welcome Home, Heroes](#) – a program to create the unique web portal for returning Veterans as they seek to reintegrate and transition back into civilian life.

Initiated in 2001, the WorldSafe Awards are presented annually by the Safe America Foundation. The UPS Foundation, which won the 2014 'Grand Prize' award, is hosting this year's dinner. Other 2015-16 WorldSafe Award winners include:

- **Service to Women** – National Foundation for Women Legislators & its leader, State Senator Judy Emons, Michigan
- **Life-long Safety Contribution** – Jennie Glasgow, Operation Life Saver / Georgia
- **Cyber Safety** – Dan Benish, Founder, Core ID Services
- **Service to Military** – the non-profit, 'The Mission Continues'
- **Transportation** – Amtrak (for its work on educating passengers on how to handle an active shooter situation)
- **Non-profit Leadership** – St. Vincent de Paul Society / Georgia
- **Service to Youth** - Frank Sanchez, Boys and Girls Clubs of America (headquarters)
- **Responsible Media / Coverage** – The Weather Channel

WSB-TV Reporter Mark Winne will emcee the event which begins with the 'Ultimate Cocktail Party at 5:30 pm and follows with dinner at 7 pm.

### **About the Safe America Foundation**

The Safe America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit headquartered in Georgia. Chartered in 1994, the Marietta, Georgia based foundation partners with corporate, governmental and other nonprofits with a mission to deal with emerging issues, improving safety by educating consumers and encouraging the use of products and technology that protect life.

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