

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF

Deputy James Zoedak


On April 12, 2007, at approximately 11:30 PM a structure fire broke out at 1208 Marseille Court in the City of Rochester Hills. Homeowner Mary Schultz was unconscious in the home at the time. Neighbor Carol Widger heard Mary's fire alarm going off and discovered that there was a fire in the kitchen area of Mary's home. Carol attempted to gain entry but was unable to and immediately called 911. Carol alerted neighbor Josh Simpson, who with his friend Ian Taber, was able to force entry into Mary's home where they found her unconscious at the kitchen table. Josh and Ian were able to evacuate Mary from her flame and smoke filled home.

While fire personnel were working to extinguish the fire, Deputy James Zoedak and Deputy Keith Hess began a door-to-door canvass of the connecting homes in case the fire and/or smoke spread. When they did not get an answer at one home, Deputies Zoedak and Hess kicked in the door and evacuated the homeowner and her two children.




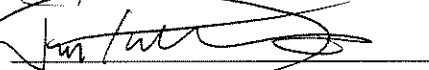

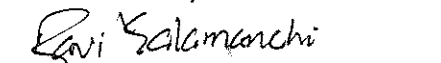
WHEREAS, Deputy James Zoedak put his personal safety aside to help residents in danger; and

WHEREAS, by performing a door-to-door canvass, Deputy Zoedak was able to make sure that fire personnel were able to concentrate on extinguishing the fire, thus keeping damage contained to one home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Deputy James Zoedak for his valor in his efforts to help keep residents safe during an emergency situation.



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