

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF

Phillip DeRue

On October 12, 2012, Captain Dave Wood and Firefighter/EMT Ryan Wood of the Rochester Hills Fire Department responded to a slip and fall accident on Creek Bend Street. When Captain Wood and Firefighter Wood arrived, they noticed a Sears repair truck in front of the house and a service technician holding a C-Spine immobilization on a woman lying on the ground. The service technician, Phillip, explained he was sitting in his truck completing his service report when he noticed the woman had come outdoors to walk her dog. The woman tripped on the leash and fell off her porch, hitting her head on the driveway. Phillip ran to her side and saw a laceration on her head that was losing a substantial amount of blood. He immediately called 911 and stayed with her until fire personnel arrived.

In addition to taking care of the injured woman, Phillip finished walking the dog, took it back inside, locked the house, and then called to notify the family of the situation. He even followed up later that evening with a call to the family to ask how the woman was doing.

WHEREAS, Phillip DeRue went well above and beyond the call of duty in helping a resident in what could have been a life-threatening situation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to assisting an injured person, Phillip demonstrated rare compassion and consideration in helping care for her dog, house, and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and Gity Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Phillip DeRue for his outstanding act of heroistrand human kindness in an emergency situation.

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