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WASHTENAW ONE HUNDRED CLUB ANNOUNCES FIREFIGHTER AND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Ann Arbor, MI --- The Washtenaw 100 Club is proud to announce it is honoring Lieutenant Carl Hein of the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department, as Firefighter of the Year as well as honoring Deputy Michelle McDonagh and Deputy Thomas Mercure of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office as Law Enforcement/Deputy of the Year. The awardees will be honored at the Washtenaw 100 Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 25th.

Lieutenant Hein is a member of the Washtenaw County Trench Rescue Team as well as serving as a Lieutenant in the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department. According to his nomination, Lieutenant Hein is an example of what it means to be a firefighter "not what you do for twenty-four hours when you are on duty, but what you do with your whole life." Lieutenant Hein has had a significant impact on nearly every fire department in Washtenaw County through his work as a Fire Safety Instructor. Lieutenant Hein identified a need for training for fire personnel in the area of roadway safety. Lieutenant Hein spent numerous hours developing and teaching the course. He now teaches the course to fire departments throughout the State of Michigan.

Although difficult to measure, the key points taught by Lieutenant Hein have and will continue to save firefighter lives. Additionally, Lieutenant Hein has taught hundreds of life saving measures to firefighters that allow them to react and save themselves or other firefighters when a situation takes a turn for the worse. Lieutenant Hein has felt the impact of his training after receiving a letter from a firefighter thanking him for the lessons as it saved his life. Carl's commitment to training firefighters and make fire emergency scenes safer through training has had a significant impact on the fire service in Washtenaw County.

The motto of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is "Public Safety – Emergency Preparedness – Quality Service – Strong Communities." Deputy Michelle McDonagh and Deputy Thomas Mercure of the Sheriff's Road Patrol Division demonstrated exemplary service on the February 6, 2012. Deputies McDonagh and Mercure responded to a report of smoke coming from an apartment in Ypsilanti Township. Upon arrival the deputies discovered a significant amount of smoke billowing from the building. Both deputies sprang into action and bravely entered the apartment despite the danger involved to rescue the occupant. The occupant was able to make a full recovery. And, after being treated for smoke inhalation, Deputy McDonagh and Deputy Mercure have fully recovered. Deputy McDonagh and Deputy Mercure showed an exemplary commitment to their profession and the residents of Washtenaw County as they saved a life, despite the jeopardy to their own.

It is the mission of The Washtenaw 100 to provide immediate financial support to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters serving in Washtenaw County who die in the line of duty. In addition The Washtenaw 100 annually awards college scholarships to the children of active duty law enforcement officers and firefighters. Since its founding in 1971, The Washtenaw 100 has distributed over \$300,000 to the families of Washtenaw County Police and Firefighters.

The Washtenaw 100 will host their Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00pm at the Kensington Court. For information on The Washtenaw 100 Annual Dinner or to learn how to become with a member of The Washtenaw 100 please send an E-mail to info@washtenaw100.org.

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