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WASHTENAW ONE HUNDRED CLUB ANNOUNCES FIREFIGHTER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Ann Arbor, MI --- The Washtenaw 100 Club is proud to announce that it has honored Officer Zach Allen of the City of Ypsilanti Police Department as 2008 Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter Michael Loria of the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department as 2008 Firefighter of the Year at its Annual Dinner on October 23. The Washtenaw 100 annually selects individuals to honor as Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year.

Zach Allen joined the staff of the City of Ypsilanti Police Department in the Summer of 2006. With a long history of police service in his family, Officer Allen is following in his father's footsteps. Born in Ypsilanti, Officer Allen is graduate of Washtenaw Community College Police Academy. His career began in 2003 as a police officer in the City of Hudson. "I love my job and work with the best group of police officers I know. I look forward to the rest of my career in Ypsilanti," states Officer Allen.

Firefighter Michael Loria joined the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department in 1999 and is a current instructor for the Washtenaw Mutual Aid Association. Previous to his service with the City of Ypsilanti, Firefighter Allen served as a paramedic for Huron Valley Ambulance and as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for the Belleville Fire Department. Firefighter Allen is currently involved in the youth of the area, serving as Scout Master of Troop 793 in Belleville.

The Washtenaw One Hundred Club, an organization of area business people, whose mission is to support local active police officers and fire fighters who serve within Washtenaw County. In addition to the Police and Firefighter of the Year Awards and providing \$10,000 in annual college scholarships to families of fire and police personnel, the Washtenaw 100 primary mission is to provide immediate aid to the families of officers and firefighters that have fallen in the line of duty, The group's Annual Dinner was at the Washtenaw Country Club and this year's Keynote Speak at the dinner was Bill Martin, The University of Michigan Athletic Director. For more information on the Washtenaw 100, call (734) 741-0400 or visit www.washtenaw100.org.

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