



TO: William Mueller, Village President

FROM: George E. Seagraves, Fire Chief

DATE: November 18, 2009

RE: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

The Lombard Fire department recommends Dominic Messori for the Village of Lombard Good Neighbor Award. With your concurrence we would present the award at the January 7, 2010 Board of Trustees' Meeting.

On October 19, 2009 at around 8:15 p.m. Dominic Messori was at work at Champs' Americana Restaurant in Fountain Square in Lombard when he heard someone telling the manager that a car had driven into the pond next to the restaurant and to call 9-1-1.

Dominic immediately ran outside to see if he could help. Only a small part of the truck was out of the water. Dominic dove into the near freezing water and swam to the passenger side of the car now under water completely. He was able to open the door but due to the murkiness of the water he was unable to find anyone in the car. He then swam to the other side of the car and tried to open that door, but it was locked. By this time Dominic had been in the near freezing water for several minutes and hypothermia began to affect his body and he was forced to leave the water.

The Lombard Fire Department would like to recognize Dominic Messori for his gallant effort in trying to save the life of a complete stranger and in doing so placed his own well being in jeopardy.

GES:jh

c. David A. Huliseberg, Village Manager

Battalion Chiefs

James Plunket, Public Education Coordinator