

*"There is no honor in fighting a fire that could have been prevented through education"*

All four family members were taken to a local hospital and were treated for smoke inhalation. It is the opinion of the entire fire department at the fire that if Tarrta had not taken the action she did to aid her stepfather and brother both would have died from smoke inhalation. Therefore we are nominating Tarrta Engler for the heroism award for citizens. Tarrta is also being recognized by the Village of Lombard and the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association for her action.

During the early morning hours of December 31, 2005 Ms. Tarrta Engler awoke to find her home heavily involved with smoke and fire. Tarrta woke her mother and stepfather and the three left the home. Once outside they noticed that her sixteen year old brother Troy had not gotten out of the house. At that time Tarrta's stepfather went back into the house to try to rescue Troy. He was unable to reach the brothers door because of heavy smoke and fire. The stepfather then became disoriented and could not find his way out of the house. Tarrta went back into the house and started to lead the stepfather out when he collapsed from smoke inhalation and he fell to the floor. Tarrta dragged him to the front door and partly outside. At that time she ran around to her brothers bedroom window and began yelling and banging on the window. After a minute or two her brother came to the window were Tarrta pulled him out to safety.

Nomination for Heroism Award  
For  
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