

State Representative Angelo "Skip" Saviano

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Saviano Honors Two Franklin Park Firefighters for Heroic Actions

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Angelo "Skip" Saviano (R-Elmwood Park) honored two local firefighters from the Franklin Park Fire Department with House Resolution 977. Lieutenant/EMT Robert Beuse and Firefighter/EMT Tommy Thomson were recently awarded the Medal of Valor Award by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall after they heroically rescued a civilian from a burning apartment.

Lieutenant/EMT Beuse and Firefighter/EMT Thomson noticed smoke pouring out from a garden-level apartment while driving through the village of Franklin Park. Although the location of the apartment complex was, in fact, outside of the Village of Franklin Park, Beuse and Thomson instinctively responded to the calls for help echoing from the apartment window. After breaking through the doorway, the firemen were not surprised to see someone lying on the living floor wrapped in blankets, completely engulfed in smoke. Because of the attentiveness and efforts of Lieutenant/EMT Beuse and Firefighter/EMT Thomson, a life was saved.

"Lieutenant Beuse and Firefighter Thomson are two prime examples of the types of people that put their own lives in danger in order to protect and save the lives of the people around them. Our first responders often go unnoticed and are, at times, underappreciated, however it is because of these men and women that our communities remain safe and families are able to live with peace-of-mind," explained Representative Saviano. "I want to say 'thank-you' to both Lieutenant Beuse and Firefighter Thomson for their call to service."

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