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Dearborn Firefighter Captain Paul Dowell wins Red Cross People's Choice Award

DEARBORN, Mich. – Dearborn Fire Captain Paul Dowell, who has served the City of Dearborn as a firefighter for 19 years, has won the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross People's Choice Award.

Nominations for the award, which closed on March 2, were made for individuals whose contributions to the community were deemed exemplary. Dowell, who has consistently made a positive impact in Dearborn by leading or creating efforts to increase fire safety awareness, raise funds for those in need and volunteer to assist residents, qualified in the estimation of the hundreds of people who voted for him.

He volunteered his time to provide care and service to less fortunate individuals; developed a fire safety program in cooperation with the Dearborn Public Schools to include the local Fire Safety House; created a coloring contest for third and fifth grade students; developed a Dearborn Fire Camp 911 to demonstrate first aid principles and fire safety techniques to fourth grade students; and organized efforts to help raise funds for Dearborn families who lost a parent.

Most notably, Dowell was instrumental in organizing the “Heroes Farewell” which took place January 1. Held at the Ford & Community Performing Arts Center, the event made it possible for 175 Michigan soldiers being deployed to Iraq from Ft. Dix, to come home to Michigan before being sent to Iraq.

Dowell was presented with the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross People’s Choice Award at a dinner held on March 22 at the Somerset Inn, Troy.

The proceeds will be used to benefit local disaster relief and military family services provided by the American Red Cross – Southeastern Michigan Chapter.