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Local Hero is Recognized by Harris County Citizen Corps

County Judge Robert Eckels and the Harris County Citizen Corps Council presented an award of valor today to Mike Blue, who recently helped rescue a family trapped in a burning van. The presentation was made following the Council's meeting at Houston TranStar.



"Mike was on his way to work when he saw the burning van and immediately stopped to help," Judge Eckels said. "Although there were several bystanders at the scene when he arrived, no one was assisting the Sheriff's Deputy with the rescue. Mike successfully assisted the Deputy in rescuing a woman and three children from the van moments before it exploded."

"We are honoring Mike today because of his quick thinking and heroic actions," Judge Eckels said. "We hope more citizens will take the initiative to volunteer in emergency situations to help others in need."

The Harris County Citizen Corps is committed to creating opportunities for people to volunteer to help our community prepare for and respond to emergencies. The primary goal is to have all citizens participate in making neighborhoods safer by providing them the tools and training needed for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds.



A billboard encouraging citizens to access the Harris County Citizen Corps website for information on volunteer and training opportunities was unveiled today at the recognition ceremony. The billboards will be located around Harris County. The Citizen Corps website can be accessed at www.harriscountycitizen corps.com.

"Tropical Storm Allison and the events of September 11 have proven how vital local volunteers can be in the event of a disaster," said Judge Eckels. "We all have the opportunity to join Citizen Corps to learn how to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors."

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