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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Sixteen local heroes to be inducted into the Red Cross Hall of Fame Plainfield High School is the site of the 50<sup>th</sup> annual event on Thursday, March 19

INDIANAPOLIS, *March 18, 2009* – The American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis will celebrate the heroism of local citizens and emergency responders at their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Hall of Fame Awards presented by Conseco on March 19. Scott Sander of WISH-TV 8's Daybreak will serve as host for the fourth consecutive year. Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson also will speak at the event. Attendees include the honorees and their family and friends, Hall of Fame sponsors, emergency responders, community leaders, Red Cross representatives and Plainfield High School juniors and seniors. In addition, several of the people rescued and/or members of their families will be present to pay tribute to the heroes.

WHO: 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees (*Awards will be presented in this order.*)

**Officer Madeline Lothamer** (*Indianapolis*)

**Officer Dan Reynolds** (*Indianapolis*)

**Officer Mitchell A. Waters** (*Indianapolis*)

**Officer Adrian S. Aurs** (*Indianapolis*)

**Officer Marlin Sechrist** (*Indianapolis*)

**Officer Timothy S. Blackwell** (*Indianapolis*)

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

**Ron Bean** (*Columbus*)

Citizen

*For braving heavy smoke and fire to pull a woman from her burning car on September 26, 2008.*

**Anthony Hubbard II** (*Indianapolis*)

Citizen

*For rushing to the aid of a friend who was on fire, knocking him down and using his bare hands to extinguish the flames on October 8, 2008.*

**Thomas L. Wimberly** (*Indianapolis*)

Citizen

*For putting himself in harm's way to rescue a woman being attacked by four pit bulls on November 3, 2008.*



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**WHO:** 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees (Continued)

**Private Dwayne D. Dixon** (Indianapolis)  
**Engineer Gerald W. Schneidt** (Indianapolis)  
**Captain James E. Redd** (Indianapolis)  
**Private Marc Korte** (Fishers)  
**Private Brian K. Todd** (Indianapolis)  
**Lieutenant Todd Walsh** (Indianapolis)  
Indianapolis Fire Department

*For battling heavy fire and smoke to rescue a woman and her three children from their burning home on May 11, 2008.*

**Engineer David Bogemann** (Waldron)  
Indianapolis Fire Department

*For maneuvering through swift, rapidly rising flood waters to rescue a woman who had been swept away from her vehicle on June 7, 2008.*

**WHAT:** **The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Hall of Fame Awards presented by Conseco** includes a formal awards ceremony as well as videotaped firsthand accounts of the heroic rescues.

**WHEN:** **March 19, 2009 - Awards presentation at 9:45 a.m.; Reception immediately following** for the heroes and their guests, Hall of Fame sponsors, Red Cross and Plainfield High School representatives, and other invited guests. *(If covering the awards presentation, media will need to be in place by 9:30 a.m.)*

**WHERE:** **Plainfield High School Auditorium, One Red Pride Drive, Plainfield**  
Plainfield High School students will attend the awards presentation. Representatives from several Plainfield student groups will also participate in the event, including Plainfield Ambassadors, the Theatre Tech Crew and the Quaker Shaker Newspaper Staff.

**WHY:** The Red Cross Hall of Fame is a unique local initiative dedicated to recognizing true heroes; and the Red Cross Hall of Fame Awards ceremony is one of this community's most compelling annual events. During the past 50 years, the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis has inducted more than 500 local heroes into the Hall of Fame. 2009 marks the fourth year that the Red Cross Hall of Fame Awards has been presented at a central Indiana high school. Previous host schools include Carmel High School, Center Grove High School and Pike High School.

2009 also marks the sixth year that Conseco has been the Presenting Sponsor of the Red Cross Hall of Fame Awards. Outside Source Design and the Indianapolis Indians are Gold Sponsors. *(Complete list of sponsors will be available in the printed program.)*

*Thanks to the generosity of its volunteers, financial supporters and community partners, the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis reaches one in three households in central Indiana each year by responding to disasters 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; reducing the impact of disasters through planning and preparedness education; empowering people with lifesaving training in the workplace, in the classroom and online; supporting military families with emergency communications and other services; giving first aid care at community events; providing free medical transportation to people in need and developing the leadership skills of youth. Contributions may be sent to 441 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-3388. Contributions can also be made by calling (317) 684-1441 or by visiting [www.indyredcross.org](http://www.indyredcross.org).*

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