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Patrolman Jason Clark

Madison Township Police Department

Mashed metal, fire, and an oblivious victim just might add up to a bad day for someone. However, when a member of our Lake County safety forces are nearby, the odds shift considerably, and a bad day often becomes a better one.

In October, 2003, Patrolman Jason Clark was on patrol in Madison Township, when he received a radio call of a car accident at North Ridge and Bennett Roads.

Clark arrived in 99 seconds, to find a car that had veered off the road and smashed into a utility pole. Both the vehicle and the pole had caught fire. As Clark exited his vehicle, he saw a woman in the burning car, making no attempt to get out. Clark was quickly able to pull the unhurt but heavily intoxicated woman out of the car. The fire soon engulfed the vehicle, and by the time that firefighters arrived, it had been destroyed. While risking his life to save the woman, Clark had no time to determine whether her intoxication had anything to do with her predicament. All that mattered was getting her to safety.

Madison Township Sergeant Timothy Brown commended Clark, stating, that “had Patrolman Clark not responded to the scene in a timely manner, the operator of the vehicle would have been seriously burned or killed.

The Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award was given to Jason Clark on February 18, 2004 at the annual Blue Coats award banquet at LaMalfa Center.

Jason Clark is currently a sergeant with Madison Twp. PD.