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Sergeant Roger Loveland
Lake County Sheriff's Department

Firefighter Regina Shumaker
Concord Township Fire Department

Police officers and firefighters don't always seem to get along. Books, movies, and television shows often play on the good, and sometimes not so good, rivalries that exist within the two professions. However, when it's time to work, when it's time to serve, and when it's time to team up, the result is a reflection of the oaths that is taken within both professions.

Exemplifying this was a situation encountered by Sergeant Loveland and Firefighter Shumaker in December 1998.

A fire had broken out at a Concord Township home. Loveland and Shumaker were first on scene, even before paramedics or firefighting crews. Disregarding their own safety, they entered the burning home. They located an elderly woman, who was unable to walk on her own, and carried her to safety.

Loveland and Shumaker received their award at the annual Blue Coats banquet at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, on February 24, 1999.

Both of these heroes are now enjoying life in retirement.