Heroes among us: Red Cross honors late ArcelorMittal firefighter and 'Good' man

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Each year at its annual Heroes event, the American Red Cross celebrates individuals who exemplify the mission and qualities of the Red Cross, recognizing those who save lives or commit selfless acts of courage and compassion. This recognition embodies ArcelorMittal's own values of Leadership, Quality and Sustainability and echoes our brand promise of "Transforming Tomorrow" through boldness.

In Chester County, Pennsylvania, the local chapter of the American Red Cross honored one of our own heroes, the late Captain Christopher M. "Goody" Good, a career firefighter for ArcelorMittal Coatesville.

On Nov. 20, 2012, Goody , as he was known to all, was among a team of firefighters who responded to a house fire in West Goshen Township, interacting with Red Cross volunteers who had also responded and provided assistance to the family at the scene. The next day, just hours after attending a fire department planning activity, he passed away suddenly at his home at the age of 36.

At the annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, the audience heard about Good's exemplary service and dedication from a dignified group of speakers, including Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner Edward Mann, State Senator Andy Dinniman and West Chester Mayor Carolyn Comitta.

Good's widow, Jessica, accepted the honor on his behalf and spoke about his passion: "He began going to fire calls at a young age with relatives; something that added to his wish to save lives and solidified his career plans. I realized the depth of his passion and commitment when on one our first dates he drove me around showing me the different fire stations where he had worked."

Good served as firefighter at ArcelorMittal Coatesville for more than two years. He was captain with the Good Will Fire Company for 10 years and a lieutenant with the Lionville Fire Company before that.

Well-known and respected throughout the Chester County emergency services community, Good spent most of his adult life fighting fires, both for a living and as a volunteer. He is survived by Jessica, his wife of six years, and three children.



Captain Christopher M. "Goody" Good, an ArcelorMittal firefighter, was honored posthumously at a Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.