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## Village Board Recognizes Bensenville Resident for Heroic Actions

**Bensenville, IL** – On August 13, 2019, Village President Frank DeSimone and the Village Board recognized Bensenville resident and musician Armando Rodriguez for his heroic actions to remove two passengers from a burning vehicle. Armando was also recognized by the DuPage County Sheriff's office back in June.

The incident happened May 5<sup>th</sup> on Route 83 near Frontage Road. Rodriguez and his wife were driving north on Route 83 when they noticed two vehicles that had just been involved in a crash. Once Rodriguez noticed the driver of one of the cars was unresponsive and the vehicle was smoking, he jumped into action by trying to get the passengers out of the vehicle. Since the car was locked, he attempted to break the driver side window by kicking it and eventually broke it with his elbow. Perez was able to drag both passengers to safety before the flames engulfed the car.

Rodriguez is a long time Bensenville resident and is also a member of the Latin Grammy award winning band AK-7. Rodriguez addressed the audience and Village Board by saying, "It's an honor for me to have this in the house where my other Grammys are at. I grew up here in this community and I still live here today." He added, "It's an honor to receive this and I would do the same thing for anybody."

Village President Frank DeSimone thanked Rodriguez for his actions by saying, "As a first responder myself, I can relate to the amount of courage it must have taken to help those passengers. Our community is filled with some of the most incredible people doing amazing things for each other."

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(Armando Rodriguez pictured with his family after being recognized for his life saving actions by Village President Frank DeSimone, the Village Board, and Village staff.)

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