

Thomas Foust I'm Just a Regular Guy



Tommy Foust (third from the right), from Venturing Crew 156 from Northeast Illinois Council, was a member of the most recent Report to the Nation. (It is called the 2007 Report to the Nation but occurs in 2008.) The reason that Tommy was a member is because he was a recent recipient of the Honor Medal with crossed palms.

Thomas Foust, 17, risked his life to save an elderly woman who

was moments away from being hit by a passenger train in Glenview, IL. With Amtrak trains barreling toward him from both directions, Foust helped an elderly woman out of her car before it got run over by two trains. The two Amtrak trains were approaching this woman's vehicle at 79 mph in Glenview Illinois. Tom Foust saw the trains coming and ran to the elderly woman's vehicle. He told her to get out of the vehicle and opened the door for her. He pulled her out of the car to safety and covered her up so no debris would hit her. The lady really had no idea what was going on and would have been killed if it weren't for Tom Foust. Tom states that he is a lifeguard all year round and just acted on instinct. He said this was the first incident where he risked his own life in order to save someone else's. Tom Faust did not think about the consequences of his own death, he just knew it was his duty to save this woman's life.



A video of his "Value of Scouting" story can be seen [here](#).