

COLUMBUS FIRE  
FIREFIGHTER ROBERT FUNK

**Medal of Heroism**

On November 14, 2023 while on his way home from work Firefighter Funk observed a horrific traffic accident on I-270 East involving a charter bus, a semi-truck and a car. He exited his vehicle to see if he could be of assistance. He immediately observed someone attempting to exit out the window of the bus. He and a police officer assisted the person out of the bus.

Robert then tended to the bus driver who had a compound break of his leg and performed CPR on a student who was not breathing until EMS took over.

He then tended to the driver of the car who was in shock and quickly got him to others for treatment.

Someone told him there were still people on the bus. A State Trooper and Funk then entered the burning bus

with no protective equipment and deployed a fire extinguisher. They found no further victims and then grabbed as many personal items he could and quickly exited to bus due to heat and smoke.

Firefighter Funk showed selfless heroism and is most deserving of this medal.