

RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY OF AMERICA WHITE HORSE AWARD



John Woodley, a jockey and exercise rider at Fairmount Park in Southern Illinois, rose from his bed when he heard an explosion. He ran to his neighbors small trailer to find a frantic mother outside her burning trailer, screaming that her babies were still inside. Though a crowd had gathered, only Woodley responded, jumping through a window and crawling through the smoke. He found one child and dragged him to safety. The children's father arrived and he helped again, passing the youngest child from the father's arm to a fireman. Sadly the younger child died, but 4-year-old Austin is alive today because of the incredible bravery of Woodley.

Who Will Win?



Clint Williams, an outrider at Sam Houston Race Park was on patrol one morning last winter when a thoroughbred pony ridden by assistant trainer, Shawn Talbot, broke his bit and began racing the opposite way through busy morning traffic. William, ignoring his own safety, raced to the scene, rode alongside the panicked horse on the right side and headed him down the seven furlong chute. As they neared the fence at the end, Williams reached over with his left hand, inserted his fingers in the horse's right nostril and only a few feet before the fence, stopped the runaway horse. An action Talbot maintains saved his life.

The White Horse Award will be presented at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie on Thursday, October 28, two days before the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships. It is presented to unheralded members of racing's workforce judged to have performed the most heroic act in behalf of human or horse. The winner is elected by members of the

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