

**Your Team Number:** 67

**Team Name,  
Corporate / University  
Sponsors:**

General Motors Milford Proving Ground & Huron  
Valley Schools

**Images:**



**Briefly describe the impact of the FIRST program on team participants with special emphasis on this year and the preceding two years.**

When asked why they wanted to be a member of the HOT Team, this is how a few of the students responded. "The HOT Team will give me a great chance to learn about everything that I love most." "Building a robot from scratch is fun, especially when you finally get that problem worked out and everything falls into place." "Because it's a great learning experience that has taught me skills that I can use for the rest of my life. It allows me to reach out and educate others and bring them into FIRST."

**Examples of role model characteristics for other teams to emulate.**

Since the HOT Team started, we have been helping other teams excel at FIRST related events. The HOT Team has machined parts for many teams, and some other teams even machine parts themselves in our shop. During the 2007 season, the HOT Team provided guidance to the Panteras, a rookie team from Mexico City. This year we are starting out the season by providing assistance to a new team, 2576, in Chile. HOT also passed the leadership of providing a FIRST presence at the MI State Fair to Team 217.

**Describe the impact of the FIRST program on your team and community with special emphasis on this year and the preceding two years.**

On the HOT team we believe that community outreach is important. We better our community through our road & river cleanups, and we are meeting with village officials to start a recycling program in our area. We also plan on taking CASEY to the local Earth Day Festival. CASEY stands for Community Awareness of Science and Education Year-round, & she serves as our community service robot. We take her to parades, schools, FLL and FIRST events, and an assisted living facility.

**Teams innovative methods to spread the FIRST message.**

Team 67 has spread the word of FIRST through the entire community spanning all age groups. CASEY, the showbot, is taken all over the community to the library & schools in order to publicize the opportunities that HOT can provide to younger children who are interested in science & technology. A FLL event is annually held at Lakeland High and is shown on local tv to spread the ideas of FIRST. We are also going to a senior center to show them how technology has been improving & changing the world.

**Describe the strength of your partnership with special emphasis on this year and the preceding two years.**

General Motors has been our sponsor from the beginning. We are one of 46 teams that GM sponsors, and we are extremely grateful. GM helps us with necessities like tools and mentors, and gives us a place to meet and build our robot. Without our amazing sponsor we would not be able to achieve the level of success we enjoy now.

**Teams communication methods and results.**

Communication of FIRST's ideals is very important to us here at the Heroes of Tomorrow (Team 67). Recently, we have sent a letter to Oprah to encourage the addition of FIRST in her leadership academy for girls. We have also contacted several local media stations and newspapers to get the word of FIRST out to the general public. CASEY is

**Essay:**

This year the HOT Team students decided to write their Chairman's Award entry in current kid languages--Text and Instant Messaging. Those over twenty might have trouble reading our submission. We apologize for this and hope you will try to communicate with the kids using their language. To see an adult version of our submission, visit the Chairman Sub-team area of our website. Our address is:

<http://protofusion.org/hot67/index.html>

Our story begins with Katie leaving the General Motors Milford Proving Ground after a HOT Team meeting. She is sending a text message to her sick team-mate about what he missed...

Katie: Feelin better? It wuz hard workin' on da chmans essay w/o u. We hv a ton 2 do still.

Adam: Wish Id been there. Im well 'nuff 2 type lol. Wud u do?

Katie: Brainstormin' essay ideas. Ddnt get far.

Adam: Uh. Sux.

Katie: Yeah. Ne ideas?

Adam: Not rly.

Katie: Get on AIM, we r workin' on th submision in our chat rm.

Adam: K gimme 5

Katie: Kewl

HOT\_Chairman has entered the chat room

GodOfC++ has entered the chat room

ManON\_DaChair has entered the chat room

Robot\_LuvR67 has entered the chat room

HOT\_Chairman: Hi ppl wuz^?

GodOfC++: Nm u?

HOT\_Chairman: We got 2 work on da essay, ne ideas?

ManON\_DaChair: B4 ne thin we need 2 get our info str8. Wud we do this yr?

Robot\_LuvR67: Uh... we built a rbt.

GodOfC++: I thnk he means comm srvc.

HOT\_Chairman: Wel, we hafta talk 'bout CASEY 4 shure. Wat did we do w/ her?

ManON\_DaChair: Um... wel... I remembr we wnt 2 that RV Park & tlked 'bout FIRST n let da kids drive CASEY.

Robot\_LuvR67: Wsnt that at Waldenwoods? I think it wuz... We took her 2 sum Grad parties 2. We even wnt 2 th library wit her.

GodOfC++: Yea! I remembr tht! We did a prgrm 4 kids n ther parental units 'bout FIRST n robotics n science n stuff. CASEY red a book 2 th kids 2.

ManON\_DaChair: Wut 'bout da HOT Spot? It ws relly kool how we culd wrap all those presnts 4 ppl in th village & do a fundraiser @ th same time.

Robot\_LuvR67: What was the HOT Spot? I dont membr dat.

ManON\_DaChair: It wuz dat stor front we got 2 use in DwnTwn

Milford. We rapped presents for donations during wkends in Dec.

HOT\_Chairman: Yea, bt wut else did we use CASEY 4 to gt th wrd out?

GodOfC++: We took her 2 our local parades. We did 3 ths yr, rite?

ManON\_DaChair: Yea, 4th 'o' July, Christmas, nd da Highland spring 1.

HOT\_Chairman: Ddnt Rowayne use CASEY 4 hs Eagle Scout Project?

GodOfC++: Yea. It ws 'bout children's safety. He had the Milford PD nd Fire Dept der @ da YMCA.

ManON\_DaChair: Dey made thos info cards 4 da kidz. Dey had their pics and fingerpirntz on dem. N CASEY stood in frnt of de Y n made balloons.

Robot\_LuvR67: Yeah... she was also ther wen we did our FLL stuff. While we were runnin th regional, we had ppl blowing up balloons n stuff. They did tht wen we voluntered @ the state FLL tourney 2. We run both a those evnts, did u kno tht?

GodOfC++: Yea, actualy i did. but neways, ddnt we get sum sorta grant frm the skool or something?

HOT\_Chairman: Yea, n we recieved it @ th celebration night

Robot\_LuvR67: Wait wait wait wait...whats goin on? wut celebration nite? and wat grant?!

ManON\_DaChair: We went 2 ths celebration nite thng bc we got grants frm th skool 2 buy VEX kits bc thy figured out rbtc is beneficial. ROFLMBO.

HOT\_Chairman: Wait a sec...we cant leave out th YES Expo!

GodOfC++: Th YES Expo in Nov was so fun. We were 1 of 16 FRC teams there. ther wuz 8 new FRC teams strtd 'cuz a it!!! Remember th 20,000 kidz watchin? It mde me a littl nervus....

ManON\_DaChair: Dat was so kewl! Erry team took turns teachin' high skool students how to drive da rbts.

HOT\_Chairman: O hey! Remembr we took CASEY 2 Ken's G-daughters 2nd bday? She was SOOO cute... th kidz absolutly loved th balloons.

GodOfC++: Speakin of Ken... Whose writin th WF essay?

RobotLuvR67: Oh crud... It wasn't me, rite?

ManON\_DaChair: 1 2 3 NOT ME!!!!!!

GodOfC++: I thot Katie wuz doin it..

HOT\_Chairman: Alredy done... Slackers!!! Lol.

GodOfC++: U scard me ther 4 a sec... Anyways... We need 2 tlk 'bout stuf othr thn CASEY. Wut else did we do in th comm?

RobotLuvR67: Wel wut 'bout our cIn-ups? We did 3 road cIn-ups on

the stretch of Commerce Rd that we adopted. We did the river clean-up on the Huron River. I remember I got a dead fish thrown @ me... and didn't even pick up a picnic table outta the river?

GodOfC++: Didn't Walt take CASEY 2 that career day thing? I heard the kids really liked her.

RobotLuvR67: Yea, there was a lot of people talking to the kids 'bout loads of careers. I wish I could have gone. It was a 'lil far for me tho. It was at Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit.

HOT\_Chairman: We should probably mention that we're working to start with recycling stuff in downtown Milford. I really hope it works out... We've been having really good communication with the people @ the Huron Valley Earth Day Foundation. I think that we might get a booth and do some youth outreach @ the festival. We could do a fundraiser there!

ManON\_DaChair: Speaking of fundraisers, how much \$ did we raise @ our last HOT Team Supper Club?

GodOfC++: Well, Leo's gave us 10% of our bills... I think we got a few hundred \$. I think that was the seventh one we've done, and it's turned out to be a great fundraiser. I'm glad that the local restaurants have been so supportive of us. Where is the next one?

RobotLuvR67: Good question. BD's Mongolian BBQ maybe? That would be sooooo awesome....

HOT\_Chairman: Speaking of foreign food, how are things going with the Chilean Team? I haven't gotten an update in a while.

ManON\_DaChair: Katie, how does foreign food have anything to do with the Chilean team?

HOT\_Chairman: Uh... because they eat foreign food? I don't know. I don't know a lot 'bout them. Can you tell me what's up with them?

ManON\_DaChair: Well... I've been emailing back and forth with them because I'm the only one that speaks Spanish outta all you people (Spanish is waaaaaaaaaay better than German :P).

HOT\_Chairman: Well that's not very helpful. I never got the full story! :(

ManON\_DaChair: I guess I will have to start from the beginning then. It started when they emailed us asking for help because they heard what we did for the Panteras last year. We've been helping them with advice and stuff since they're only a 1st year team. They're coming up to compete @ GLR with us!!!!!!

RobotLuvR67: I'm sooo excited. Down in the shop we've been talking 'bout making a cart for them when they're here. I think we're gonna be sharing tools and stuff in the pits.

GodOfC++: Yea, we're requesting that our pits be next to each other. We're also gonna help with buttons and get lodging arranged... so we had a kinda kooky idea that I need to run by the mentors still. You wanna hear it?

HOT\_Chairman: ofc

GodOfC++: Well... What if the kids from the Chilean Heart (that's their name, btw) team stayed with some of our team members that speak Spanish? That way they wouldn't have to pay for a hotel & bus because they could just ride with us!

HOT\_Chairman: Tht wuld b relly kool! I wuld deff. be willin 2 host a few kids @ my hizzle. But, I gess I wuld hafta ask my parental units.

ManON\_DaChair: Wel, if we du tht, we shuld deff get sum press coverage. We culd contact sum local papers 2 du a story on it.

HOT\_Chairman: Wel, weve already tked 2 sum ppl 'bout th Chilean Team, th same ppl we talked 2 'bout interviewing th Panteras last yr.

Robot\_LuvR67: So wut else did we do fur Dean's hw?

HOT\_Chairman: Oh yea! We wrote 2 Oprah! We need 2 find some other ways 2 get th word out. Brainstorm time?

GodOfC++: Sure, but first... Wut did we write to Oprah 'bout?

ManON\_DaChair: Ddnt u hear? We are tryin to get FLL programs in her skool 4 grlz in Africa.

GodOfC++: That sounds so cool. Speakin of FLL, dsnt the Chilean team work with the FLL team in Chile where erry 1 on da team is a cancer patient?

Robot\_LuvR67: Yea I frgt 'bout that. I think dats so kewl!!! =P

ManON\_DaChair: Ya....Woodie F. evn went out ther n visted thm bc of ther wrk.

GodOfC++: Im rly gld 2 c othr tms takin leadership roles in FIRST, especially rookie teams.

Robot\_LuvR67: Thts y I luv bein on ths team...we hlp othr tms take on important roles. Like u remembr th state fair?

ManON\_DaChair: No. Wut happend?

HOT\_Chairman: Wel, we wer askd 2 set up a display @ th state fair, bt we askd th Thunder Chickens do it so thy culd demo ther leadership skills.

ManON\_DaChair: How did thy do?

HOT\_Chairman: Thy did a relly gd job, n r makin mre plans 4 nxt yr.

Robot\_LuvR67: So did u gys hear 'bout th marathon comm. srvc day nxt week?

GodOfC++: Yea. R'nt we going 2 th elem. skool aftr WE get outta skool?

HOT\_Chairman: Yup...n thn we r going 2 Lakeland High's frosh orientation. Thts going 2 b good 4 recruiting 4 nxt yr. So did u gys meet ur comm. srvc requirement 4 traveling ths yr?

GodOfC++: Yea, I did. Its 4 comm. service events, I believe.

HOT\_Chairman: I think I have like 11 srvc events... looks like i'll hve 13 b4 competition season... lol...

Robot\_LuvR67: Overacheiver

HOT\_Chairman: Well hw mny du u hv?

Robot\_LuvR67: Umm... 10...

HOT\_Chairman: Exactly.

ManON\_DaChair: NE ways... back on topic... How do we wnt 2 write this submision?

GodOfC++: Umm... wel we alredy did a poem... n wrote it frm CASEY's POV... how on earth r we gonna top those?

Robot\_LuvR67: OMG my brain is FRIED! Lets wrk ths out tomorrow @ th meeting.....HOLY JEEZ! its almst 1 in th mrrning!!!

HOT\_Chairman: Yea... Im going to bed... \*yawn\*. Gnite guys.

Robot\_LuvR67: Gnite (have happy dreams of sprockets n button makers... lol.)

GodOfC++: Wow. I'm Out. TTFN.

ManON\_DaChair: Me dos. Bye.

Robot\_Luvr67 has left the chat room

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GodOfC++ has left the chat room

And so we leave our team members, who will proceed to have an epiphany at their next meeting and write a brilliant chairmans essay... Somewhat like this one...

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