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Seven Children Will be Honored for “Making the Right Call”

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Seven boys and girls will be honored by the Prince William County Office of Public Safety Communications on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 2 p.m. during a “Make the Right Call” presentation. The event will be held at Fire Station 8 (Yorkshire), 8277 Patton Lane, Manassas, VA 20111.

The children, who were between the ages of 4 and 13 at the time of the incidents, all knew to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, they all remained calm throughout events, and all are credited with helping out during emergencies..

Erica Shamira called 9-1-1 in March 2009 and told the call taker that an older relative was unconscious due to a medical reason. Erica, who was 12 years old at the time, listened and followed the call-taker’s instructions. The Manassas-area girl stayed calm and even made sure the door was unlocked for emergency personnel to enter. The relative was transported to Prince William Hospital for treatment

Troy Gilbert called 9-1-1 in April 2009 and told the call taker that his grandfather was unconscious and possibly having a seizure due to a medical reason. Troy, who was 12 years old at the time, remained calm and followed the call-taker’s instructions. His grandfather, who lives in Dale City, was treated at the scene.

Evan Lampkin called 9-1-1 in April 2009 to report that a family member was unconscious. It was 3:30 in the morning. When emergency personnel arrived they began to treat the woman while others tried to keep Evan, then 7 years old, occupied. The Lake Ridge boy told emergency personnel that he knew something was wrong because the family member did not come in to kiss him goodnight. He went in search of her and discovered her unconscious. The woman was treated at the scene.

Carolyn Moore called 9-1-1 in May 2009 and reported that a family member was suffering from a severe vertigo attack. Carolyn, who was 12 years old at the time, listened and carefully followed the pre-arrival instructions of the call taker. The family member was transported to Prince William Hospital for treatment.

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Kendyll Frye called 9-1-1 in June 2009 because she witnessed a family member take some medication and then fall unconscious. Kendyll, who was 4 years old at the time, had memorized her grandmother's cell phone number and called her to report what happened. Her grandmother called 9-1-1, then relayed the call-taker's instructions to the little Manassas-area girl. The family member was transported to Prince William Hospital for treatment.

Jesse Howard called 9-1-1 in July 2009 to report that a family member was unconscious and not breathing due to a medical reason. Jesse, who was 13 years old at the time and was visiting the family member, told the call taker that he knew CPR and knew what to do. With the call taker on the line, Jesse, who lives in North Carolina, worked on the family member until emergency personnel arrived. While the family member ultimately did not make it, first responders said that Jesse did all the right things that day, starting with calling 9-1-1 and remaining calm.

Brianna Green called 9-1-1 in July 2009 and said a family member had gotten sick, was unconscious and possibly having a seizure. Brianna, who was 12 years old at the time and visiting from out of town, had to search the home for something with an address on it. She located an envelope and provided the residence address. While on line with the call taker, the family member regained consciousness. Brianna made sure the door was unlocked for emergency personnel to enter and remained calm. The family member was transported to Potomac Hospital for treatment.

"Make the Right Call program" shows the importance of all ages how to properly use the 9-1-1 when emergency help is needed. These children being recognized are successful examples of properly using 9-1-1 and what the "Make the Right Call Program" is all about," said Police Captain Ted S. McInteer, director of the Public Safety Communications Center.

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