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MONROE COMMUNITY AMBULANCE PRESENTS LIFE SAVING AWARD
Seven-year-old Monroe Township resident recognized for heroic actions

Monroe, MI: Monroe Community Ambulance (MCA), the EMS provider for Monroe County, has awarded 7-year-old Monroe Township resident, Wyatt Musulin, with a Life Saving Award. Wyatt received the award in recognition of his bravery and quick actions when his mom was seriously injured after being attacked by a foster dog in her care.

In July of this summer, Wyatt's mom Jennifer, who is an experienced dog rescue volunteer, was providing care to one of her foster dogs. She could tell from the dog's behavior that she was scared, and she was going to escape her enclosure and attack. "I've had well over 300 foster dogs with zero bites until this incident. But I could tell she felt scared, and at that moment, I just knew she was going to break out." Jennifer immediately called out to her son Wyatt for help, who was in another part of the house. "He was out the door so quick!" Jennifer recalls. Wyatt went to a neighbor's house and knocked on the door and rang the doorbell until the neighbors answered. Wyatt then relayed all the necessary information about his mom's injury to the neighbor, who called 9-1-1. "I told the neighbor to call 9-1-1. I told her everything she needed to know. I knocked on the door *and* rang the doorbell so she would hear me." Wyatt shared when recounting the day of the accident.

Jennifer states that Wyatt was so prepared for an emergency because Jennifer has type one diabetes. "We've talked about what to do if I have a low blood sugar emergency, so he knew right away to get help when I yelled for him." Because of Wyatt's quick actions, firefighters from Monroe Township Fire Department and MCA paramedics were at Jennifer's house within minutes of her injury. "The paramedics who showed up [during the emergency] made such a huge difference for me. They calmed me down and kept me from being in a total panic."

To celebrate Wyatt's heroic actions, Will and Carrie, the MCA paramedics who responded to the call, met with Jennifer and Wyatt to present him with a Life Saving Award. Jennifer says that seeing the paramedics again was a positive experience for Wyatt, "Getting this award made Wyatt so proud of himself and happy. I think hearing from the professionals that he did the right thing made a huge impact on him." Carrie and Will told Wyatt how impressed they were with his actions. "It's great that he knew what to do in an emergency, he did all the right things," stated MCA paramedic Carrie.

Wyatt says he is excited to share his story and show his award to his friends when he returns to school this month. "It will be cool for show and share!" he exclaimed.

MCA recommends that all parents practice with their children what steps to take in the event of an emergency. Parents can teach their children:

- Their address and the full names of the people living in their house
- Types of emergencies and when to call 9-1-1
- Neighbors to go to in the event they need help. Knock on the door, ring the doorbell, and yell help!
- How to unlock smartphones and access the dial pad to call 9-1-1. Practice pretend 9-1-1 calls, including what information to give to a 9-1-1 dispatcher.

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Monroe Community Ambulance is a nationally accredited non-profit EMS organization. MCA provides paramedic emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport to all of Monroe County. MCA is based out Monroe, operating 10 ambulances throughout its service area.