



Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network

MEDIA ADVISORY:

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

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SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT & GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1 RECOGNIZE 8-YEAR-OLD 9-1-1 KID HERO

WHAT

- A Spring third grader will be honored by Spring Fire Department and the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network (GHC 9-1-1) for his quick-thinking when fireworks caught a neighbor's home on fire early on New Year's Day. He will also be presented with a proclamation from Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle's office.
- Around 2:30 AM on January 1, 2022, Justin Clayton, 8, woke his parents to call 9-1-1 to report the fire. When minutes counted, Spring Firefighters arrived in less than 3 minutes to a [fully-involved garage fire](#) spreading to the roof. Justin is an example of what to do when emergency help is needed and a reminder if you "see something, say something."
- Neighbor Bob Schenck was out of town when the fire occurred and wants to express his gratitude for Justin, his parents and another neighbor on a different street who called and reported the fire. He will also join the crew in sharing the importance of a clean roof so spent fireworks can't ignite pine needle debris on another roof.
- This was the third fire suspected to be caused by fireworks that the crew of Spring Fire Engine 74 handled in three hours.

WHEN

- 3:30 PM, Tuesday, January 11, 2022
- **Please arrive by 3:10 PM and park in the lot behind the fire station.**
- **Justin thinks he's coming to meet the crew only.** While his parents do know about the homeowner and media, he will be very surprised to receive awards and kid firefighter 'gear' at his 'party' with the firefighters.

WHERE

- Spring Fire Department Fire Station 74, 23803 Aldine Westfield Rd, Spring, TX 77373
- **PLEASE NOTE:** COVID precautions, including masks, will be in place. The presentation will be held in the heated apparatus bay to allow plenty of distancing space.

Photo/Video/Audio Interview Opportunities

- Kid Hero Justin Clayton, Jr. and his parents, Justin and Nicole Clayton.
- Homeowner Bob Schenck
- Spring Fire Chief Scott Seifert and Engine 74 C-Shift crew: Captain Walter Juarez*, Apparatus Operator Blake Thompson and Firefighter Tyler Crane.
- Texas Emergency Communications Center (TECC) supervisor Bree Burger.
- GHC 9-1-1 Public Information Officer Sonya Clauson

**Captain Juarez is a native Spanish speaker and can translate and speak to media.*