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8-YEAR-OLD BOY RECOGNIZED AS 9-1-1 KID HERO BY SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT, GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1 AND TEXAS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

(SPRING, TX) On January 11, 2022, Justin Clayton Jr., 8, was honored by the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network (GHC 9-1-1), Texas Emergency Communications Center, Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle, neighbor Bob Schenck, and Spring Fire Chief Scott Seifert for his exemplary actions when his [neighbor's house was ablaze](#).

Early in the morning of January 1, 2022, spent fireworks ignited pine needles on the roof of Bob Schenck's Timber Lane home. He was out of town, but Justin's quick-thinking to wake up his parents got them engaged in calling 9-1-1 for help and warning neighbors. As his mother, Nicole Clayton, spoke with a Texas Emergency Communications Center (TECC) 9-1-1 dispatcher, Spring Fire crews were being dispatched.

Having just extinguished a nearby fence fire, the crew of Spring Fire Engine 74 C-Shift heard the radio call and was on scene working to extinguish the house fire in under three minutes. Assistance from other Spring Fire crews arrived in minutes allowing the crews to work together to move and thus save many of the Navy vet homeowner's treasured mementos.

Justin is being commended today by the Spring Fire Department, GHC 9-1-1, Harris County, and his grateful neighbor for knowing what to do and how to act during an emergency. Justin is a great example for other children who see a need for emergency help because he responded in exactly the right way. In taking immediate action to get the nearest adults to call for emergency assistance and start helping their neighbors, Justin is a hero.

To receive pictures of the recognition email tracee.evans@springvfd.org.

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