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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD

DATE: 8/31/2016

On Monday, July 18th, Alex Studt was mowing grass when he was stung by a bee. Having had previous reaction to bee sting, he took some Benadryl, told his 16 year old son, Dalton, to get in the car, and began driving toward the St. Luke's Urgent Care at Boyson and Center Point Rd. As they approached Center Point Rd. and East Clark Street, still driving Alex became unresponsive. Still behind the wheel, Alex was still pushing on the accelerator, but not steering.

Dalton, sitting in the passenger seat, began blowing the horn and steering the car. Dalton was able to turn the car from Clark Street north on Center Point Rd. Witnesses reported that the car veered into oncoming traffic. Dalton then went through the red light at Emmons Street, still blowing the horn and steering from the passenger seat, his Dad unconscious in the driver's seat. As they approached the area of Go Daddy, Dalton, using one hand to steer, was able to use the other hand to push on the brake and bring the car to a stop against the curb. He found his Father's phone on the floor and called 9-1-1.

Certainly, without Dalton's fast thinking and controlling the vehicle, lives could have been lost. The vehicle could have easily struck another moving vehicle, a pedestrian, or even a stationary object, causing further injury or even death. Dalton's actions that day clearly saved the life of his Father, and prevented the loss of additional life.

For this reason, the Hiawatha Fire Department and Hiawatha Police Department recognize Dalton for his actions on July 18, 2016 by presenting him a life saving award.