

Roanoke County Police Present Life Saving Award to 9 Year Old Girl

On June 7, Roanoke County Police presented tokens of their appreciation to a 9-year-old girl and man who were part of the team that helped them resuscitate a 4-year-old boy who had fallen into a swimming pool at the Villages at Garst Creek Apartment complex on June 1, 2011.



The girl, Julianna Marquez, was swimming when she noticed the little boy motionless at the bottom of the pool. She dove to the bottom, brought him to the surface, and yelled for help.

Four Roanoke County police officers who happened to be at the complex on another call were summoned for help. Sgt. Jay Matze began CPR on 4-year-old Quamir Cooper with the help of citizen, Timmy Tilley, who gave rescue breaths. The child was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Sgt. Matze did a finger sweep of the child's mouth and food came out.

They did more CPR. The child tried to breathe, but got choked. Sgt. Matze did another finger sweep and more food came out. The team then began the Heimlich maneuver at which time more food and water came up. Quamir

then began to breathe until rescue arrived at the scene.



In addition to presenting Julianna and Mr. Tilley with tokens of their appreciation, the officers had the chance to reunite with 4-year-old Quamir and his very thankful mother!



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