

14 Young Calgarians Recognized as Husky Heroes

Calgary, Alberta (Dec. 13, 2013) – Fourteen young Calgarians were recognized as Husky Heroes today by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Foundation, Husky Energy and Public Safety Communications (9-1-1).

The Husky Heroes program recognizes youth who have accessed 9-1-1 appropriately in an emergency or were of significant assistance to emergency services. Ranging in age from five to 12, these 14 children were the link to 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Officers (Public Safety Communications) until emergency services arrived on the scene.

The children recognized as Husky Heroes this year include:

- A five-year-old girl who phoned 9-1-1 for an ambulance when her mother became suddenly ill and could not call for herself.
- A 10-year-old girl who needed to phone the police when a dispute between neighbours escalated.
- A seven-year-old boy who phoned 9-1-1 for an ambulance when his younger brother had an allergic reaction.
- A 12-year-old girl who phoned 9-1-1 for an ambulance when her younger brother fell out of a high bedroom window.

“These young people, when faced with serious and frightening situations, were able to think clearly and call for help,” said Husky Energy CEO Asim Ghosh. “Husky is honoured to recognize their presence of mind during such difficult times.”

“We commend these Heroes for providing help to another person who was very likely experiencing one of the worst days of their life,” said Public Safety Communications Deputy Commander Kay Choi. “Knowing how and when to call 9-1-1 is an important skill for ALL citizens to have. These children have set a great example which all citizens can learn from.”

“We are proud to recognize some of our youngest heroes,” said Lisa Barrett, Executive Director with the EMS Foundation. “The EMS Foundation assists with critical medical research, training, safety, and illness and injury prevention in our community. The Husky Heroes event is a wonderful opportunity to recognize young people in our community who have made the difference in an emergency situation. Their actions set an excellent example for other youth to learn about the proper use of 9-1-1.”

Husky Heroes is an EMS Foundation event sponsored by Husky Energy and a partnership with Public Safety Communications (9-1-1).

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