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National Emergency
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National Association Honors Kids for Brave 9-1-1 Calls

9-1-1 public education and awareness pays off

COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 22, 2001)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA), together with 9-1-1 for Kids, will honor four children from across the country on June 26 for making valiant 9-1-1 calls to save a family member's life.

This first-ever National 9-1-1 Heroes Recognition Event will honor children from Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, and Texas during a ceremony and press conference on June 26, 2001. NENA and 9-1-1 for Kids are sponsoring the National 9-1-1 Heroes Program to recognize the children, who called 9-1-1 correctly when confronted with an emergency situation.

“Public education and raising awareness about the proper use of 9-1-1 is important for children as well as adults,” said Norman Forshee, NENA President. “Because of what they’ve learned, these children have shown that everyone can make a difference when 9-1-1 is used correctly to save lives and property.” Forshee will present the children with awards and letters of commendation from Governor Jeb Bush.

NENA, with the help of four NENA State Chapters, located the child heroes and is sponsoring their trips to the NENA Annual Conference and Trade Show in Orlando, where the event will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26. Media are invited to attend the event and should visit the NENA Registration Desk at the Orlando World Center Marriott Convention Center between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. June 26 to obtain a press badge.

The NENA Annual Conference and Trade Show is the largest event dedicated to educating 9-1-1 professionals from the US and Internationally. With over 2,500 conference attendees, this event brings 9-1-1 together to discuss critical issues and plan for the future.

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About NENA:

NENA is the only organization dedicated solely to the promotion and implementation of 9-1-1 as America's universal emergency number. NENA's mission is to foster the development and implementation of 9-1-1 as a universal emergency number. NENA has more than 7,000 members, most of whom manage over 6,000 9-1-1 centers that answer and process emergency calls. As an integral part of its mission, NENA also develops recommended standards and practices for 9-1-1 centers and manufacturers of 9-1-1 equipment. Visit NENA online at www.nena.org.

About 9-1-1 for Kids:

The 9-1-1 for Kids® Heroes Program was designed to honor the efforts of children who call 9-1-1 for the correct reasons and help create greater awareness of our emergency network in our community. 9-1-1 for Kids® is a non-profit organization that dedicates its time and resources to education children on how to use our 9-1-1 emergency system to save lives and property. This is accomplished with the 9-1-1 for Kids® Classroom Kit, a comprehensive program that focuses on three important points: how to dial 9-1-1, what to say to the 9-1-1 dispatcher, and when to call. For more information, contact Melanie Poon at (626) 574-8527.