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The Farmers Branch Fire Department would like to present Awards of Exemplary Action to 4 lifeguards for help saving the life of a 7 year old male drowning victim.

BACKGROUND:

On Thursday, June 15 at approximately 3:05 pm Farmers Branch Aquatic Center “Frog Pond” lifeguards were called into action, saving the life of a 7 year-old boy who was discovered lying motionless under water in the Lagoon.

Lifeguard Josette Bowe saw the child under the water, activate the pools emergency procedures, and then entered the water. She was assisted in removing the child from the water by Lifeguards Ricardo Campuzano and Jacob Brown.

Once the child was safely on the pool deck, a quick patient assessment was conducted. The child was unresponsive, had a faint pulse and a “few and far between” shallow breaths. With assistance and direction from Andrew Parker, a Summer Funshine Leader, the Lifeguards began CPR. Assisting with patient treatment was Lifeguard Caleb Brown. After three cycles of CPR, the child began breathing and showing movement. The child was placed into the recovery position waiting on the arrival of the Fire Department.

Farmers Branch Fire Department E-132 and Medic 133 arrived on location and took over patient care. The child was transported to Medical City Dallas where he was treated and released back to his family.

Farmers Branch Paramedic/Firefighters reported that the Lifeguards and Aquatics staff acted professionally, had the patient ready for them to treat and transport, and that they were impressed on how this group of young adults acted and during a very difficult and emotional event like a pediatric drowning.

With their quick response to remove the child from the water and then providing immediate first aid, our Frog Pond Lifeguards Bowe, Campuzano, Brown and Brown saved this young boys life. Their direct actions, along with the entire staff of the Aquatics Center and Summer Funshine leaders who were on duty that day are to be recognized as the safety system that they have in place worked.