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New 9-1-1 Youth Recognition Program

First "Angel in Action" to be Awarded in Canton on Wednesday

Canton, TX, January 14, 2010: To promote emergency awareness in East Texas, ETCOG's 9-1-1 Emergency Services Division has launched a new Youth Recognition Program to honor young heroes between 3-12 years of age who successfully demonstrate the proper way to call 9-1-1. The program, named through a region-wide contest as 9-1-1 Angel in Action, recognizes youth who are able to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency and use it correctly by giving the location, telling the situation, and staying online with the dispatcher to aid in emergency response. ETCOG will recognize its first 9-1-1 Angel in Action, Linsey Culver, at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 20, at the Van Zandt County Courthouse located at 121 E. Dallas Street in Canton.

Linsey called 9-1-1 on June 25, 2009, after experiencing an emergency in her home. Around 10:15p.m. Linsey's mother fell and hit her head. When Linsey found her mother unresponsive and bleeding from the head, she got paper towels to put pressure on the wound and dialed 9-1-1. While speaking with the dispatcher Linsey remained calm and told the dispatcher her address, what cars to look for in the driveway, and followed pre-arrival medical instructions. Linsey stayed on the phone until the police and EMS arrived and provided as much information as possible. Linsey's actions were vital in getting her mother the emergency treatment she needed.

ETCOG is proud of this 9-1-1 Angel in Action and will recognize her bravery with an engraved acrylic plaque, certificate of achievement and other gift items at the courthouse recognition ceremony.

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About 9-1-1 Emergency Services

The ETCOG 9-1-1 Regional Program was formed by legislature and seeks to establish and maintain equipment, network, and database to preserve and enhance public safety and health through reliable access to emergency telecommunication services. The 9-1-1 Regional Program:

- Administers planning and provisioning for 18 PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) in East Texas
- Supports Addressing and Mapping for 6 counties and 14 cities within the ETCOG region
- Supports 9-1-1 Educational Efforts throughout the 9-1-1 regional program area
- Supports training of 175 9-1-1 telecommunicators working in the 18 PSAPs.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.