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MORRIS PRESENTED WITH LIFESAVING AWARD AT BOC MEETING



From left: Sgt. Cameron Cox, Detective Ronny Morris, Sheriff Scott Chitwood

Whitfield County, Ga. – Monday night, the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners presented Detective Ronny Morris, of the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office, with the Lifesaving Award for his heroic act in June.

Detective Morris was following up with a case, on the westside of the County, when dispatch requested immediate assistance for a 2-year-old drowning victim. "When I heard the call go out, I recognized that it was in the area," said Morris. "I was the first on the scene and immediately ran through the house. The grandmother had already pulled him out of the pool, so I took over with CPR and was able to get him breathing." Morris mentioned that he felt he was operating on autopilot. "I knew I had to get in there as quickly as I could and use my training."

The minor was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery. "He truly did save my son's life," said the minor's father in a phone interview. "It was a heroic act what he did, and

they [the hospital] said if it would have been 3 or 4 more minutes, maybe even seconds, that he wouldn't have made it. I don't know what we would have done without his help."

Morris has been employed with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office for 16 years, and has worked as a Sex Crimes Detective for the last 9. "He is an excellent detective," said Sheriff Scott Chitwood. "We recognize Detective Morris and thank him for his true lifesaving efforts."

In addition to the lifesaving award, Morris was named Employee of the Month. Whitfield County thanks Detective Morris for his service, and his great impact on the community.