



Press release

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2-year-old found unconscious in backyard pool

Mifflin Township Police dispatchers received a call at 12:41 p.m. June 24, 2013 regarding an unresponsive 2-year-old child. Mifflin Township officers arrived at the 2700 block of Ferris Road within two minutes.

Paramedics from Mifflin Township Station 132 readily arrived on the scene, and later determined the 2-year-old child's 17-year-old sister pulled the unresponsive boy from a three-foot-deep backyard pool and rushed him to his mother who just arrived at the home. The fatigued and shattered mother ran to the child, and took him into the middle of Ferris Road flagging down passing motorists for help.

A vehicle stopped, and the occupants gave the child cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the authorities arrived. Mifflin Township police and paramedics took necessary and extensive means to try and save the child who was then rapidly transported by Mifflin Township ambulance to Nationwide Children's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Mifflin Township police officers guarded the home while Franklin County Sheriff's Office detectives processed the scene to gather information for an investigation. The child's cause of death will not be definitively determined until the results of an autopsy are reported.

"This is a tragedy that words cannot express," said Acting Police Chief William Price of the Mifflin Township Police. "We are grateful passersby stopped to assist and want to be reminded of the necessary water safety precautions we all must take during the summertime including to never swim alone. Our sincerest sympathies go out to this family."

Read water safety tips at www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/water-safety.

The Mifflin Township Police Department, 2455 Agler Road, patrols the unincorporated area of the township — approximately 3.9 square miles or 13.95 road miles — and has a population of less than 5,000. The police department has eight full-time officers who maintain 24-hour police protection and a police fleet consisting of five marked and two unmarked cruisers. Learn more about the department at www.mifflin-oh.gov.

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