

**25th Year of the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program
(2019-2020) 378 *Young heroes and counting!!!*
(6 Young Heroes in FY 20)**

Attleboro

◆ **Jacob Gannon, Evan Connors, Richard Connors**

On Sunday, October 6, 2019, at approximately 1:15 a.m., 17-year-old Jacob Gannon, 15-year-old Evan Connors, and 11-year-old Richard Connors were at home when they noticed the neighbor's house was on fire. All three brothers quickly went into action, they ran to the house and alerted the occupants by banging on the door and calling them by phone. The occupants were unaware of the fire and due to the heroic actions of the brothers all occupants made it out safely. Chief Scott LaChance and firefighter/SAFE educator Paul Jacques of the Attleboro Fire Department credit the boys with saving the lives of their neighbor's.

Freetown

◆ **Raleigh Lewis**

On Wednesday, November 19, 2019, at approximately 12:05 p.m., 4-year-old Raleigh Lewis was at home with his mother, getting ready for school. Raleigh's mother was cooking him lunch and she stepped away from the kitchen to go to the other room. A short while later, Raleigh noticed smoke coming from the kitchen and calmly told his mother. The smoke alarms activated, Raleigh asked his mother to call 9-1-1 and then exiting the home to the meeting place in the front yard. Chief Gary Silvia and Lieutenant Neal Lafleur of the Freetown Fire Department are proud of Raleigh for being conscientious and calm and for using the fire safety lessons he recently learned in School.

Hopkinton

◆ **Remi VanDeusen**

On Sunday, July 14, 2019, at approximately 10:50 a.m., 10-year-old Remi Vandeusen was with his father, who became unconscious after being stung by a bee. Remi immediately called 9-1-1, provided important information to the dispatcher, and guided the fire department and EMS responders to their location. Chief Stephen Slaman and fire prevention officer Timothy Healy of the Hopkinton Fire Department credit Remi with saving the life of his father.

Manchester-by-the-Sea

◆ **Tommy Bergeron**

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, 3 ½-year-old Tommy Bergeron was outside playing in the yard when he heard what he thought was a voice yelling in the woods by their house. Tommy told his father, who listened but could not hear the voice and went back to his chores outside. As Tommy focused in on the voice, he realized it was saying "Fire, Fire, get out of the House immediately." Tommy told his dad again, and together they checked the neighbor's house where they discovered that the smoke alarms were activated. Tommy's dad called 9-1-1, and when the fire department arrived on scene they determined that the cause of the smoke alarm activation was a malfunction of the damper to the chimney. Chief Al Beardsley is proud of Tommy for his actions especially because he is so young.