

**26th Year of the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program
(2020-2021) 383 *Young heroes and counting!!!*
(5 Young Heroes in FY 21)**

Arlington

◆ Mason Conway

On Thursday, March 11th, 2021, at approximately 9:16 a.m., 9-year-old Mason Conway observed a fire on the porch of his neighbor's house. He immediately told his parents and they called 9-1-1. The parents went to the neighbor's house, and they were instrumental in alerting the occupants, all of whom were able to evacuate safely. Chief Kevin Kelly, Deputy Chief Ryan Melly, and Lieutenant Robert Paone of the Arlington Fire Department credit Mason for being observant and for quickly notifying his parents of the fire. His actions ultimately saved the lives of his neighbors and prevented a larger fire from occurring.

Athol

◆ Elijah Etienne

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, 12-year-old Elijah Etienne observed a fire in his home. His mother was at home asleep, Elijah immediately awakened her and alerted her of the fire. They exited their house to a safe location outside and Elijah called 9-1-1. Chief Joseph Guarnera of the Athol Fire Department credits Elijah with saving his mother's life and for saving their house from further damage.

Athol

◆ Maddison Rose Coburn

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, 12-year-old Maddison Coburn was driving with her mother when she observed flames coming from a second-floor window of a house. She informed her mother who proceeded to drive to the building where they heard smoke alarms sounding. The mother immediately called 9-1-1. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the apartment and there were no injuries reported.

Belmont

◆ Arda Mahserejian

On Sunday, December 20th, 2020, at approximately 5:30 p.m., 9-year-old Arda Mahserejian was looking out of her front window and observed a fire on the porch of the house across the street. She immediately told her mother (Christine Mahserejian) who looked out the window and after seeing the fire called 9-1-1. Mrs. Mahserejian also told her brother-in-law, who went to the neighbor's house and was instrumental in alerting the occupant's, all of whom were able to evacuate safely. Acting Chief Wayne Haley, Lieutenant David Alesse, and Firefighter Ross Vona credit Arda for being very observant and for quickly notifying her mother of the fire, which ultimately saved the lives of her neighbors and prevented a larger fire from occurring.

North Reading

◆ Jolie Griggs

On Monday, December 21st, 2020, at approximately 1:24 p.m., 8-year-old Jolie Griggs was at home with her grandfather when he experienced a medical emergency. She immediately called 9-1-1 and provided the dispatcher with lifesaving information. Deputy Chief Barry Galvin of the North Reading Fire Department credits Jolie for her actions which ultimately saved the life of her grandfather.