

OCR 15-03
Recognition of
Michigan State Police Trooper James Leonard
Michigan State Police Trooper Rick Carlson
Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
February 10, 2015

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 29, 2015, Michigan State Police Troopers James Leonard and Rick Carlson, along with Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu, were dispatched to a house fire in Bagley Township; and

WHEREAS, during the 911 dispatch it was reported that a young boy was in a bedroom of the burning house; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival at the scene Troopers Leonard & Carlson and Deputy Holzschu Found the boy's room and gained access by breaking the patio door. Trooper Leonard then broke another window to ventilate the boy's room. Trooper Leonard was able to locate the boy sleeping in a portable crib and pulled him out of the burning home; and

WHEREAS, once outside the troopers were able to resuscitate the boy using CPR; and

WHEREAS, Troopers Leonard & Carlson and Deputy Holzschu took direct and immediate action to preserve the life of another human being who was in danger of dying; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this act of courage were such that any delay in providing assistance would, in all probability, have resulted in the child's death, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby officially recognizes the courage and bravery displayed by Michigan State Police Troopers James Leonard and Rick Carlson and Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu and want to commend them on their heroism.