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LACONIA — An urgent call for help from a child drew a prompt response from a dispatcher, police officer, paramedic and emergency medical technician spared a man's life and earned all five a letter of commendation from Police Chief Chris Adams for their timely teamwork.

On Jan. 19, Dispatcher Lisa Boone Graham received a 911 call from a young boy, but apart from discerning that he was asking for an ambulance and tracking the call to Blueberry Lane she was unable to grasp all he was saying. Staying on the line, she transferred the call to the Laconia Police Department where Sgt. Robert Cameron spoke with the boy, subsequently identified as Bryson Reed, who told him that he could not awaken his father.

Cameron questioned Bryson about his father. When the boy confirmed his father is diabetic, Cameron realized he was familiar with him and provided the 911 call center with his address. An ambulance was immediately dispatched and Cameron sent an offer to scene. Paramedic Nathan Mills and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Dennis Comeau quickly treated the patient, who suffered from hypoglycemia.

But for the timely response of all those involved, Adams wrote in commending their performance. "The patient most likely would have died in the presence of his child." All five "and especially Bryson," he continued, "were outstanding and worthy of recognition for saving a life."

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