



Lapeer Post Troopers Receive Bravery Award

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LANSING, MICH. At a special ceremony held in Lansing, Michigan State Police (MSP) Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue presented Tpr. Jared Grigg and Tpr. John Sholtz of the Lapeer Post with the MSP Bravery Award for their diligence and perseverance under uncommon circumstances and for going beyond what is typically expected of most law enforcement officers.

On January 4, 2016, Grigg and Sholtz responded to a residential fire in the city of Lapeer. They observed the home fully engulfed and that the front door was unapproachable due to flames. A bystander told them children's screams could be heard from inside the home.

Grigg and Sholtz gained entry through the back door of the home and searched the first floor, which was already engulfed in fire and full of thick smoke. Sholtz found an unresponsive 6-year-old boy on the floor of the attached garage and carried him out to Grigg. Sholtz went back in to search for additional children and shortly after, dispatch informed him there were no other children inside of the home.

The boy was treated by emergency medical personnel and recovered. In awarding the department's Bravery Award, the MSP Board of Awards found that the courageous actions of Grigg and Sholtz undoubtedly saved the child's life.

Grigg enlisted with the department in 2012, graduating as a member of the 124th Trooper Recruit School.

Sholtz enlisted with the department in 1994, graduating as a member of the 110th Trooper Recruit School. Prior to serving at the Lapeer Post, Sholtz was assigned to the Hastings and Richmond posts, as well as the Gaming Section.

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