

## VISITOR RETURNS TO LEE TO THANK FIRST RESPONDERS

FORT MYERS, FL—A drowning patient and his mother return to Lee County from Minnesota Thursday, June 24, to thank the first responders, in person, who contributed to his young life being saved.

Denise Proechel and 6-year-old son Cal Proechel will meet Lee County Emergency Medical Services paramedic and EMT, the E9-1-1 operator, Sanibel Police officers and Sanibel Fire Department responders to show their appreciation for the life-saving efforts all executed on the vacationer March 31<sup>st</sup>. The young boy was non-responsive when pulled from a pool on Sanibel Island during their winter vacation, was treated and transported to the hospital. With little hope for recovery, he was transported by air while unconscious and awakened in Minnesota the next day.

“Making a call was not enough,” said Proechel about traveling the distance to thank emergency responders. “Cal was near death and seeing him is so uplifting.”

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in the Lee County Public Safety building on Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.