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## County Executive announces Safety Town Video Contest winner

**SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro is pleased to announce Morgan Beatty, a junior at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, is the winner of the County’s Safety Town Video Contest. Beatty’s stop motion video featuring custom artwork was selected from 13 countywide submissions.

Last year, County Executive Shapiro’s Department of Public Safety identified the need for a new, updated Safety Town video. Every summer, hundreds of Summit County kids ages 5-6 participate in Safety Town events throughout the County to learn about safety and 9-1-1. Many communities had stopped using the outdated 9-1-1 video because the old technology in the video, including a rotary phone, was not relevant to today’s children.

The Public Safety staff developed the Safety Town Video Contest to update the video and include the community in the process. Summit County high school and college students were invited to participate. The County received 13 submissions from 24 students representing five school districts. County staff from Public Safety and other departments judged each video and selected Miss Beatty as the winner. She will receive \$250 towards future videography or related supplies and a pizza party for her class or club. Miss Beatty and the other contest participants also received a Certificate of Achievement from County Executive Shapiro.

“The creativity and thoughtfulness of our youngest residents never ceases to amaze me. While Miss Beatty’s video was the favorite, all the videos demonstrated great talent and skills, and greatly improved upon the old video,” said County Executive Shapiro. “I am grateful for the wonderful participation we received and want to thank the teachers and parents who encouraged each student who submitted a video.”

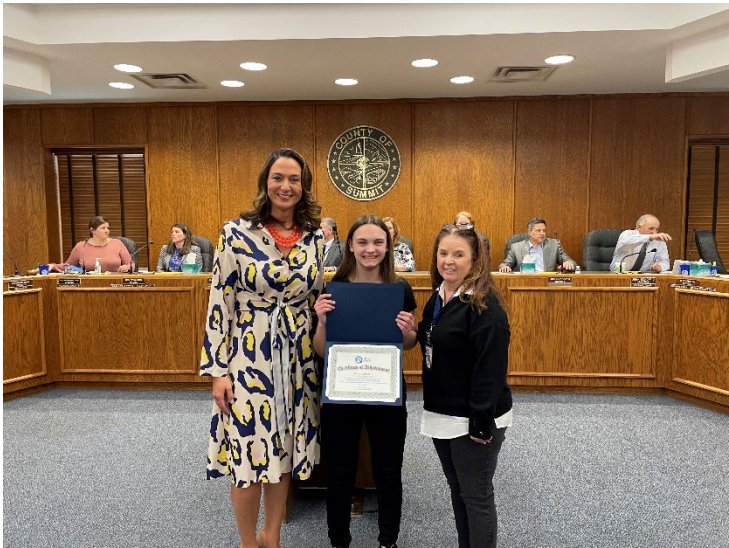
Miss Beatty’s video is available at: <https://youtu.be/OgUBDwJBwM0>.

To learn more about Safety Town in your community, contact your local law enforcement agency or fire department.

Image Descriptions:

SM Safety Town – Students 2: (from left to right) Director Greta Johnson, Lydia Seymour, Morgan Beatty, Katie Stonemetz, Shelby Ketler, Councilwoman Rita Darrow

SM Safety Town – Winner 1: (from left to right) Director Greta Johnson, Morgan Beatty, Councilwoman Rita Darrow



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