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PRESS RELEASE

On 8/10/18 at 14:58 Hours, the Northern Ellis Emergency Dispatch Center received a 9-1-1 call requesting medical assistance for a choking infant. Red Oak Police personnel arrived on scene prior to the arrival of EMS & Fire to assist. Officer Michael Fitzgerald observed an infant that was conscious and breathing but appeared to have something lodged in his throat. Officer Fitzgerald tried to remove the lodged object from the infant's throat without success. Red Oak Police Lt. Richard Boone arrived on scene and also administered blows to the infants back which dislodged the object, allowing the child to breathe freely. The infant suffered no injury and was evaluated by medical personnel upon arrival.

The Red Oak Police Department has released portions of the redacted body cam video of the incident that can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/BfU1B6An04s>

Officer Fitzgerald will be receiving a Meritorious Conduct Award and Lt. Boone will be receiving a Life Saving Award for their exemplary performance during this incident.

Please join us in congratulating these officers for their actions.

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