

Metro Council Meeting
February 7, 2019

Special Guests from District 4

Jeremiah Smith, Dewayne Taylor and Curcis Taylor for their heroic response to a tragic fire in their apartment.

Here is their story as told to Council Member Sexton Smith via email:

My niece Mary Smith is a District 4 resident. (You met her daughter Jenee and son Jeremiah when they accompanied me to some of your campaign events.)

At about 2:30am on Nov. 18 her apartment was ravished by fire originating from an adjoining apartment. She and her two children lost all their material possessions.

But they did not lose their lives! Thanks to the quick thinking and heroism of Jeremiah and his two friends, who were sleeping over to celebrate his 12th birthday they lived. Jeremiah and his friends Dewayne Taylor (12 yrs. old) and his brother Curcis Taylor (age 13) saw the flames and roused the household, making sure everyone was awakened and escaped without injury. The boys also ran to neighbors in adjacent buildings to alert them to the possible danger to their apartments. It was freezing cold on the morning of the fire and everybody ran out into it with only the clothes on their backs. But they lived.

The family still resides in District 4. Would you consider recognizing the 3 boys with Certificates of Merit at Metro Council? At a time when there is so much focus is on negative actions of black young men, it would be wonderful to spotlight black boys heroically!