

# Toddler battling rare cancer honored by Texas city and police

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TOMBALL, TX - A toddler battling a rare cancer was recently honored by the city of Tomball, Texas, and its police department.

One-year-old Creighton Elliott Heslop, who is "fascinated with police and police cars," was sworn in as an honorary police officer of the Tomball Police Department Monday and even given a mini-sized police uniform, badge and I.D., Tomball Police Chief Billy Tidwell told ABC News today.

He added that Creighton even got his photo taken and that it would be added to a board showing all the city's police officers.

"Creighton's mom contacted us several weeks ago, told us about his case and how he was diagnosed with cancer six months ago at just fourteen months old and that his treatment so far has been unsuccessful," Tidwell said. "She said he really wanted to sit and play in a police car, and we decided that we could and should do more than just that."

Mayor Gretchen Fagan also declared Oct. 19 would be "Creighton Celebration of Life Day" in Tomball.

In her proclamation, Fagan described the young toddler as a "precious, young man" who "loves to explore and is very adventurous, finding joy in any situation" and "using baby sign language to communicate."

The city's police chief added that Creighton is "absolutely the sweetest toddler you'll ever meet and that in addition to getting his own uniform and badge, Creighton also got to "sit in a police car and police motorcycle" and "had a really good time" exploring the vehicles and "pushing all of the neat buttons."

"In a couple of weeks, Creighton's scheduled for a helicopter flight with a neighboring agency," Tidwell said. "We're doing all we can to ease this family's pain and help him."

ABC News was not immediately successful in reaching Creighton's parents for additional comment.