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## MACOMB TWP. FIREFIGHTER TURNS PASSION FOR FIRE SAFETY INTO CHILDREN'S BOOK

*Macomb Township, Mich.*, — When Greg Lyczkowski realized his two-year-old son could recite back the ending of his bedtime story, it was clear he was absorbing so much more from the nightly readings than he assumed.

It was his own sons and his passion for fire safety that led this Macomb Township firefighter to write “Cal Learns Fire Safety.”

The picture book follows Cal, a young boy who goes to a fire safety presentation at school. Throughout the presentation he learns from firefighters about what to do if there's a fire in your home. It covers things like sleeping with your bedroom door closed, checking the door handle for heat and not going back inside for anything, not even your favorite toy.

The book is written for children between 2 and 4 years old to serve as a first exposure to fire safety.

“I didn't want the book to be scary, I tried to keep the content age appropriate. I want young kids to have an understanding of what to do in a fire” Lyczkowski said.

Lyczkowski wrote the book over two years ago and said the writing was easy but finding an illustrator proved far more difficult. He reached out to several artists, including his mother and a fellow firefighter but it never worked out. So, he turned to the internet and found illustrator Camille Porzio. The pair worked together to bring Cal to life and the book was self-published earlier this year.

Lyczkowski said the process of writing the book renewed a spark in him.

“Publishing this book really reminded me that if you want success, you really have to work hard for it,” he said.

The book is an accomplishment he is proud of. His ultimate goal is to get the book into the hands of as many kids as possible.

“I think what Firefighter Lyczkowski has created is fantastic,” said Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano. “His love for his family, dedication to his craft and commitment to his community are exactly what makes our firefighters heroes. We are proud of Greg for he has accomplished and grateful to have him as part of the Macomb Township Fire Department. My colleagues and I want to support Greg, so we are committing to purchase 100 copies of his book to distribute to local preschools and daycare centers.”

Just over five years ago Lyczkowski made a career change, enrolled in a fire academy, and then got a job in Macomb Township. Through this he found a passion that extends beyond his work hours.

Cal Learns Fire Safety can be [purchased here](#).

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