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Four honored for actions at fire

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WARREN - Four employees of Valley Counseling will be recognized today by the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board for their actions this summer during a community crisis.

Francine Packard, Ed Bolino, Paul Bolino and Ken Bancroft provided incident debriefing in Warren in June during a house fire that killed six people. They responded in the early morning hours to offer help to personnel at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, first responders and other family and community members in need, according to the citations.

"The immediate response helped the family, neighbors, teachers and hospital staff get through a horrific and tragic incident that affected all of us in the Warren community," said April Caraway, board executive director.

The June 16 fire at 911 Landsdowne Ave. N.E. claimed the lives of six people - a family of four and their two nieces. It's believed the heat from a clamshell charcoal grill used earlier in the day for a cookout ignited a fire on the home's wooden back porch and spread to the rest of the home.

Killed were Derek Dorsey, 30; his fiancée, Audrey Johnson, 31; their two children, Derek Dorsey Jr., 11, and Ariell Dorsey, 9; and nieces Ja'Niece Hicks of Columbus, 13, and Miracle Hugley, 9, 1805 Ferndale Ave. S.W.

The meeting is at 4:30 p.m. today at the board offices, 4076 Youngstown Road S.E.

The employees will also be recognized for responding to an area social service agency and a business during times of crisis.