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It is with deep regret that I inform the troop family of some devastating news.

While on a troop hike Saturday on the Florida Trail in the Big Cypress Preserve, for completion of the 20 mile requirement, one of our older Life scouts, Michael Sclawy-Adleman developed symptoms of heat exhaustion/stroke and, while first aid measures were immediately begun, later died before reaching a medical facility.

Although only 5 miles from the Big Cypress Oasis Ranger Station, conditions for that trail allow for only a maximum 3 mph + travel time on foot and cell phone signal is unreliable. Scoutmaster Crompton stayed with Michael while I went for assistance and took the other two scouts in. As I reached the station, where there is also a National Park Service fire helicopter unit, a response team was already being assembled. (The Scoutmaster was able to get a signal and called 911 as Michael's condition had worsened in my absence) Although we were able to give responders GPS coordinates it was still difficult to locate them, land and transport him back to the station. The whole time line was painfully time consuming but what wilderness conditions dictate.

Details for funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

Please keep Michael, his twin sister Elizabeth, his parents, Howard and Judith and their families and our Scoutmaster in your prayers.

The other two First Class scouts, Chase Crompton and Khris Leon are fine.

I am, of course, available to speak to any scout [or parent] regarding the incident and we will meet with the boys, along with one of the PUMC Pastors on Wednesday night. My cell is 954.696.7453.

If the scout prefers to speak to Bradley his cell number is 954.646.5102.

May God be with us and Bless Troop 111 at this time of need,

Andy Schmidt
 Committee Chair

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