How to Prepare Your Child to Call 9-1-1

1. Talk about it! Explain to them what constitutes an emergency and when they should call 9-1-1.

2. Where are you? Teach your children their address and phone number. When you are out, ask your children if they know where they are and talk about it.

3. Unplug a land line phone and practice dialing 9-1-1. Do not use a cell phone to practice, even old cell phones will call 9-1-1 if there is a battery attached.

4. Let them know what to expect. Dispatchers will ask a series of questions that determine the response of officers or fire/EMS. It is important that they stay on the line until they are told to disconnect.

5. Let them know that they should NEVER be afraid to call 9-1-1 in an emergency situation.

Did you know?

In 1968, the United States government wanted one number that people could call for emergencies. They worked with the phone company to create a "Universal Emergency Number." They decided that 911 was easy to remember and that people could dial it quickly. The very first 911 call was made on February 16, 1968 in Haleyville, Alabama. Today, 911 is used in most parts of the United States and many parts of Canada.

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9-1-1 AWARENESS

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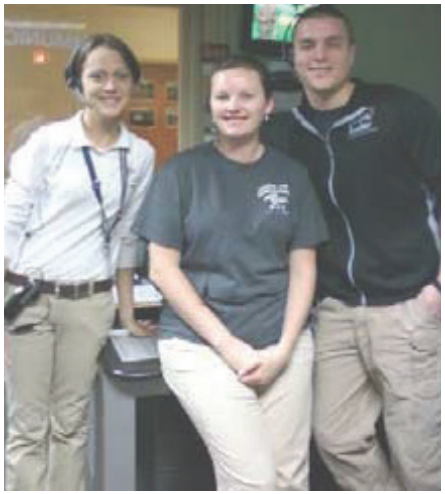
Let Us Help Your Family Be Prepared

How can the Grove City Police Department help?

The Grove City Police Department is now providing a program for preschool and elementary school age children to teach them about 9-1-1. You never know when an emergency may effect your family. Our goal is to help make the situation less frightening and intimidating, by making sure your children are prepared and know how to react. Let us help your family by teaching 9-1-1 safety with fun, age appropriate activities that are presented by the people who will be on the other end of the phone when they call.



What are we teaching?

1. How to call 9-1-1

2. What constitutes an emergency

3. Examples of when and when not to call 9-1-1

4. What happens after calling 9-1-1

5. Ramifications of prank calling 9-1-1

How do I get my child or group signed up?

The program will be held in a classroom setting at the Police Department upon interest and enrollment. We can also go mobile and visit classrooms and youth groups!

*Programs held at the Police Department include a tour of the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. We ask that groups are of 25 students or less.

Contact us now to schedule a class!

Ask for Elizabeth Fahy or a 9-1-1 Awareness Team Member

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