

# 9-1-1 FOR KIDS

## Educational Program

Presented by Castle Rock Police Dispatch

An estimated 240 million 9-1-1 calls are received at dispatch centers across the U.S. each year, with many of the callers being young children. The 9-1-1 For Kids Program is a **FREE** program for the public that teaches children about the importance of 9-1-1 and how to properly use it. The 9-1-1 For Kids Program is coordinated and presented by two Castle Rock Police Dispatchers, Melissa and Amie. Together Melissa and Amie have created a fun and educational 9-1-1 presentation designed for pre-kindergarten to elementary age kids.



The presentation includes:

- ◆ A nineteen minute video titled "The Great 9-1-1 Adventure" featuring Red E Fox and his friends teaching viewers about 9-1-1. The video addresses when and how to call 9-1-1 and what to say. It also reminds kids that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only and is not to be played on.
- ◆ Each child will have a chance to practice calling 9-1-1 on the Teletrainer demonstrating what they have learned. The Teletrainer allows a child to dial 9-1-1 on a simulated phone and be exposed to answering questions that would normally be asked in a true emergency by a dispatcher; such as: their address, name, phone number and what their emergency is.
- ◆ A 9-1-1 For Kids activity book is handed out to each child. The book has several different fun activities reinforcing 9-1-1 education.
- ◆ We also read a book titled "Impatient Pamela Calls 9-1-1" by Mary Koski. The story is about Pamela, a child, who had to call 9-1-1 for a friend who was having a real emergency.

After the presentation a 9-1-1 For Kids goodie bag and certificate will be given to each child! 😊

Please help us familiarize the children of Castle Rock with 9-1-1 by inviting us to your special event or school function. To do so, please call or email us! We also do tours of the Castle Rock Police Department.



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