

9-1-1 FOR KIDS

PUBLIC EDUCATION

In 2014, the Parker & Lone Tree Communications Center received 14,910 calls on the 9-1-1 system. While across the country over 240 million calls are received at 9-1-1 centers annually. Many of these callers are young children who may be frightened and alone. Unfortunately, children are usually unfamiliar with what to do and say once they have reached the 9-1-1 center. With the growing need to educate children about the use of 9-1-1, there has been a program created called 9-1-1 for Kids, Inc.® that has been adapted by the Parker & Lone Tree Communications Center.

The goal of the program is to teach all of the young children in the Parker and Lone Tree area about the importance of 9-1-1 and how to use it if they have an emergency. With the growing use of cell phone service and other optional telephone services like VOIP, it is of the utmost importance to continue a dialogue with the community about how to report and handle any emergency situation.

Parker & Lone Tree Communications Center is offering **FREE** public education presentations designed for pre-kindergarten to second grade kids.

The presentation includes:

- ✚ A group discussion titled "Is This an Emergency?"
- ✚ A 12 minute video titled, "9-1-1: Getting Help is Easy" with Cell Phone Sally and her friends show children how to use different phone technologies to call 9-1-1. The video discusses the information needed when calling 9-1-1 and the difference between true emergencies and non-emergencies.
- ✚ Each child is given the opportunity to practice calling 9-1-1 with our simulator. This allows the child to practice pressing 9-1-1 to complete a call, answer questions that would be asked when calling 9-1-1 and remaining on the line until told to hang up.
- ✚ Each child is provided information to take home and discuss with their families as well as a goody bag and certificate.

Help us in this team effort to educate the children of our community by scheduling a FREE presentation. You can contact 9-1-1 Public Education Liaison Danielle Huskey at 303.805.6611 or dhuskey@parkeronline.org, to schedule a time to come to your classroom, event or to answer any of your questions.

