

911 Education

Education through Entertainment-Commitment to the children of our Community

Our effort to respond to the needs of our Community extend through our commitment to our 911 education program. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office 911 program was built on a foundation of passion and devotion to the children of our Community. Our dispatcher's dedication to teach and help children drive our twenty years experience providing education and the best possible service to the citizens of El Paso County.

Our program has come far since it's inception in 1995. Beginning with cardboard doll bodies and human heads called the "Lights and Sirens" show to remote control robots and two bird puppets named Chicklet and Skittles. Stages constructed of pvc pipe led to wooden frames and a total of four Bear driven Robots obtained by grants. Today, Patches the Cares Bear Robot joins our team of dispatchers with one goal, to teach children how and when to call 911 which we call Education through Entertainment.

Dispatch personnel do an excellent job of maintaining the 911 Education program without impacting day-to day operations. Tenacity is the key factor in building, promoting and sponsoring this program which includes education with Elementary Schools, fundraisers for March of Dimes and Juvenile Diabetes and Community events such as Dream Night at the Zoo for handicapped and Terminally ill children and their families, and our Beary Merry Christmas giveaway where we bring donated Stuffed Teddy Bears to children at Memorial Hospital during Christmas.

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office was the first in the Community to offer the 911 Education program and instituted the first 911 Hero Award Program which recognizes children who have saved lives by the proper use of the 911 system. As El Paso County grows so does the 911 Education program now reaching beyond jurisdictional boundaries.