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## KINDERGARTEN CLASS LEARNS ABOUT 911

On Tuesday, January 16, the Spalding Catholic Kindergarten class from Alton, IA toured the Sioux County Communications Center and met Dispatcher Dawn Denekas.

Over the past month, Mrs. Katie Christoffel's Kindergarten class has been learning about 911, what happens when it is called and when to call 911. Christoffel, along the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Waylon Pollema, have been teaching the Kindergartners the importance of how to call 911 with landline phones, cell phones, what information they should know and be prepared to give to the dispatcher.

After touring the Sioux County Communications Center, the Kindergarteners were taken to a training room and practiced making a mock 911 to Denekas. The scenario the students were given was that a suspicious person was outside of their house. Using the information they have been learning, the student was able to accurately describe why 911 was called and relay the necessary information to the dispatcher while describing the suspicious person.

Pollema said, "The kids did a great job and it was an excellent learning experience for them."

