

Chester Goes To
Safety Day





“Hurry up, Chuckie!”

Chester was so excited that he couldn't get out of the car fast enough. The whole family was here at the 911 center for Safety Day and Chester couldn't wait to get started.



“Wow! Look at all those fire trucks! And, look over there...police cars too! Hey, there are Mike and Opie on the ambulance!” Chester was jumping up and down with excitement. There were clowns and games and even a band playing music.



Chester ran over to say hello to his friend Robbie who was talking to Officer Bernard. Officer Bernard showed his police car to the boys and their families. Before they walked away, the officer gave each of the children one of his trading cards.



Next, Danny the firefighter showed everyone the different fire trucks and explained what each was used for. One had a big ladder on it for the firefighters to climb up to really high places and rescue people. Danny gave the boys and their families 911 stickers for their phones at home.



Robbie, Chuckie, and Chester said goodbye to Danny and ran over to visit Mike and Opie on the ambulance. Chester and Chuckie knew them from the time Chester had to call 911 when a bee stung their mom.

Today, Mike and Opie let the boys climb in the ambulance and sit on the stretcher. Then they gave each of the boys a small first aid kit and sent them off to play games with the 911 operators.



Chester and the other kids played games, danced to the music that the band was playing, had their faces painted, and ate hot dogs for lunch.

Then they were ready for a tour of the 911 center. Cindy, a 911 call taker, lined up the group to take them downstairs to the 911 center in the basement.



Cindy showed the boys and their families what the 911 center looks like, where the 911 calls come in, the computers that the dispatchers use, and let them listen to a real 911 call being taken by a 911 call taker.

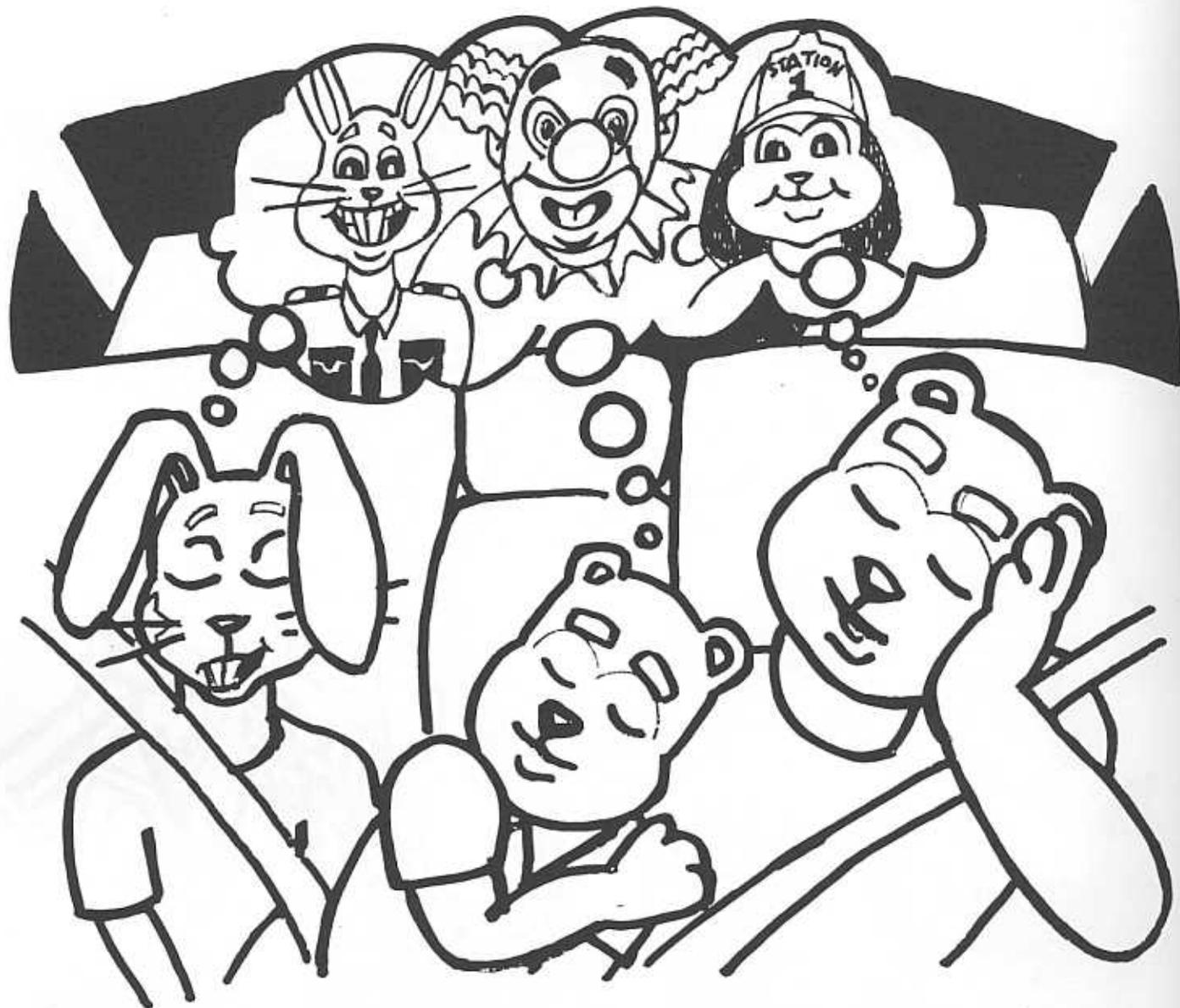
She explained to them that the dispatchers tell the police officers, firefighters, and paramedics where to go and what the emergency is by talking to them on a radio, almost like the walkie-talkie radios the kids played with at home.



When the tour was over, Cindy took everyone outside and told the group that there was going to be a pretend car accident in the parking lot. Chester was very anxious to see what would happen! Chuckie started to cry, but Robbie explained to him that, because it was a pretend accident, no one would really be hurt.



Within minutes fire trucks, ambulances, and even police cars were everywhere! They pulled in with red and blue lights flashing and sirens blaring! They used a tool called the “jaws of life”, which looked like a big can opener to Chester, to cut the car open and rescue a pretend person who had been trapped in the car. The boys, and everyone watching the scene, were fascinated!



By the end of the day, the boys were exhausted and they all fell asleep in the car. Robbie, who was going to spend the night at Chester's house that night, dreamed about becoming a police officer just like Officer Bernard. Chuckie had a dream about the silly clown who had given him a balloon earlier. Chester dreamed of the day when he would be a fire fighter like Danny and save people from burning buildings.

Chester's parents sat in the front seat of the car singing a song the band had played today and thinking how glad they were that the boys had learned so much about safety today.

***** DID YOU KNOW ???*****

***Did you know that when you call 911, your phone number and address show up on the operator's computer screen?**

***Did you know that 911 is not a phone number to play with? It is only for emergencies!**

***Did you know that if you call 911 and hang up, the 911 operator will call you back and has to send a police officer to respond to your call?**

***Did you know that if you call 911 by mistake and you stay on the phone and tell the operator you dialed the wrong number they do not have to send a police officer?**

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Age _____

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I Call***

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