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## Preschoolers learn about Emergency Services

Moree's Triple Zero Services visited Gwydir Daycare and Preschool last week to help children recognise emergency service workers and how to dial 000 when needed.

Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Road Safety Officers were available for children to explore equipment and dress up in uniforms.

Organiser of the event, Paramedic Officer, Kylie Lamey said "It is important for preschoolers to learn safety messages. We talked about the different uniforms and what each service does in the community. Children learnt how to identify Officers as safe people to approach in an emergency."

Barwon LAC Officer, Crystal Jones said children may have the perception that Police Officers only ever lock people up; it is an opportunity to show preschoolers that Police are approachable and we are here to help.

Fire Brigade Officer, Andrew Noakes donned fire helmet and breathing apparatus. While some children were scared initially, it allowed them to understand how the equipment worked and why Officers need to wear safety equipment.

Acting Daycare Director Alison Robinson said "It is a positive experience for the children; they are able to learn through hands-on experience".

Children were given rides on the ambulance stretchers, sat in the back of the Police paddy wagon and listened to the different sirens.

Spraying the fire hose across the playground was popular with the children.

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