



BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE RINGWOOD POLICE DEPT

It is unfortunate that in today's world we require that our schools have emergency drills for various reasons. The Ringwood Police Department and all the Ringwood Schools participate in the emergency drills in order to prepare for the unlikely event that there may be an emergency.

Police, school personnel and yes, all the children, know what to do in an emergency. Parents, however, are a different story. In an effort to assure the safety of the children and all others, here are a few things that parents should know.

- During a school emergency/lock down the school will notify the parents using their emergency notification system. The school will provide a phone number to call for further information.
- DO NOT CALL THE POLICE. Emergency dispatchers will be overwhelmed handling the emergency. Added calls compromise the safety of the children, teachers and police, as well as other residents who may also require emergency services.
- DO NOT RESPOND TO THE SCHOOL during a lock down. No one will be allowed access to the school. Police and faculty are trained to handle the emergency. Parents who respond to the school divert limited resources away from where they are needed. In addition, added traffic congestion and interference, delays the response of emergency equipment and personnel and puts the children, faculty, police and parents in more danger. The school will contact you with updates on the situation.
- DO NOT LISTEN TO SOCIAL MEDIA. It is irresponsible for anyone to post inaccurate or confidential information on social media. It causes panic and fear and may compromise emergency operations and a criminal investigation.

The Ringwood Police Department and the entire Ringwood School System are committed to keeping our children safe. We need the parents to help in our efforts.