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Buehler YMCA's Community Helpers Camp

Buehler YMCA partners with police, fire department, library and more to teach young campers about the important roles "community helpers" play

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PALATINE—This week at the Buehler YMCA Community Helpers Camp, children have been learning about individuals who serve the community and today received a special visit from the Palatine Fire Department. The young campers, ages four through eight, got to spend the day with firefighters and paramedics to learn about fire safety, fire prevention, the 9-1-1 emergency system and the important role the fire department plays in the community. And for a special treat, the campers got to explore a fire engine first hand.

Throughout the week, campers spent time with various "community helpers," including professionals from the library and police department. Guests led the children through hands-on activities and shared information about the important jobs they do and how they contribute to the community.

"We wanted to teach the children about the different ways in which they can make a positive impact in the community," said LuAnn Wachsmuth, Child Care Director at the Buehler YMCA. "We wanted to introduce them to the people that do it every day and give them an opportunity to interact with the many 'helpers' in our community."

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