

Buddy Bags

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Appleton, Wis (WFRV) - The Timbe Rattler's will be donating to expand the Buddy bag program this year to include Grand Chute Police department. Fang, the team mascot, will be at teh stadium to help load up Grand Chute Police cars with the care packages at a kick off ceremony at 10:00 Monday morning.

The Buddy Bag Program originally began through a collaboration with the Fox Valley Metro Police Department (FVMPD), Flex Academy and the Heart of the Valley YMCA. The Buddy Bag program was created in an effort to comfort children involved in traumatic situations. Equipped with the preassembled bags, First Responders will give one to a child who has been involved in or witness to a stressful event such as an automobile accident, domestic disturbance, or homeless situation. Inside the Buddy Bag backpack, a child will find an age-appropriate book to read, coloring book and crayons, and a small, cuddly stuffed animal. These treasures will help First Responders console children who are sad, scared, and feeling lonely. Not only will the Buddy Bag ease the mind of an upset child at the scene, it is our hope that it will comfort the child for the days following an incident.

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