

Antelope's Center High readies 911 dispatcher training

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Center High School in Antelope will start a 911 dispatcher-call center program in August if enough students sign up.

The program for juniors and seniors will train them for direct entry into a career as a 911 dispatcher or customer service representative after high school.

It will be the first of its kind in the state, according to Michael Holland Myers, the vocational education coordinator at the school.

The program was started because emergency response agencies reported difficulty in finding eligible applicants.

It prepares students for the job's minimum qualifications: typing 35 words per minute, earning a high school diploma and passing a written test, background check, psychological evaluation and interview.

It also will offer simulated training using telephone, radio and alarm system communications while accessing a response computer program and taking information from a caller.

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