

Chief Batts Receives Apology From 10-Year-old Oakland Resident

— Holly Joshi

When Christopher Nylund dialed 911 and hung up, he did not realize that the prank call would result in a face-to-face meeting with the Chief of Police. Once the number was dialed, an officer was dispatched to check on the well-being of Christopher and his family.

After speaking with the patrol officer, Christopher realized that he might have taken the officer away from a real emergency or citizen in need. He felt bad, so he sat down and wrote an apology letter. His letter prompted a return letter from Chief Anthony Batts. Chief Batts praised Christopher for showing honesty and integrity in admitting his mistake, taking responsibility for it and writing an apology.

On July 14, 2010, Christopher and his mother came to Chief Batts' office. Christopher and the Chief talked about baseball, snakes, and Christopher's plan to be a scientist. He apologized again, shook the Chief's hand and promised to never misuse 911 again.

Thanks, Christopher!



Christopher Nylund and Chief Batts



Assistant Chief Howard Jordan, Mrs. Nyland and Christopher, and Chief Batts