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RIVER FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

City accepts receives grant from Dollahan Fund for Child Interview Room.

The River Falls Police Department announces the creation of a new “Child Interview Room”! The Child Interview room is a location where investigating officers and County Human services staff can interview children who, unfortunately, may have been a victim or witness of a crime.

The room is generally used for interviewing children age 4-12 and is designed to provide a comforting, warm, friendly and non-intimidating environment that helps facilitate a productive and credible information gathering process. The décor in the room was carefully chosen to support this environment.

The pictures displayed in the room were drawn by 10 year old Ben Golden. The furnishings for this room were funded by a \$1,500 grant from the Jim Dollahon Memorial Fund, thanks to the initiative of Officer Jennifer Knutson who prepared and submitted a grant request. The room also has audio and video recording capability designed to preserve the interview for the highest quality evidentiary value. Please see pictures below.

Chief Roger Leque commented, “we appreciate the initiative of Officer Knutson and the generosity of the Dollahan Fund for allowing us to provide this tool to local law enforcement and human services staff.”



Top Picture: The new Child Interview Room

Bottom Picture: An example of the artwork in the Child Interview Room
by Ben Golden

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