

DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION & INSPECTION

HISTORY OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

- Established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871
- Killed more than 250 people and destroyed more than 17,400 structures
- Fire began on October 8, 1871 and continued into the next day
- Myth has it that a cow kicked over a lamp, setting the barn on fire and eventually the whole city

IN THE BEGINNING...

- In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation
- Fire Prevention is observed Sunday through Saturday, period in which October 8th falls
- Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health & safety observance on record

THIS YEARS THEME:

Prevent Cooking Fires

“Watch What You Heat”

FIRE STATISTICS

- In 2003, cooking equipment was involved in 118,700 reported home structure fires
- Of these, 3,700 involved outdoor grills
- Unattended cooking is the leading factor in 1/3 of home cooking structure fires
- Microwave oven use is the leading cause of reported scald burn injuries

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITIES

- Sparky puppet shows
- High rise evacuation talks
- Fire Safety House
- Play Safe! Be Safe!
- Hotel evacuation talks
- Home fire safety talks
- Fire extinguisher training
- Career talks
- Hospital fire safety talks

SPARKY PUPPET SHOW

- Target audience is children ages 3-10
- Teaches children about smoke detectors and evacuation plans in case of fire
- Teaches the child about crawling low under smoke and about “Stop, Drop and Roll”
- Reminds the child not to play with matches
- Reinforces that 911 is for emergencies only



HIGH RISE EVACUATION TALKS



- Reinforces the role of the fire warden
- Discusses high rise building features
- Teaches RCAF for fire emergencies
- Discusses the use of fire extinguishers
- Reinforces the importance of fire drills

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE



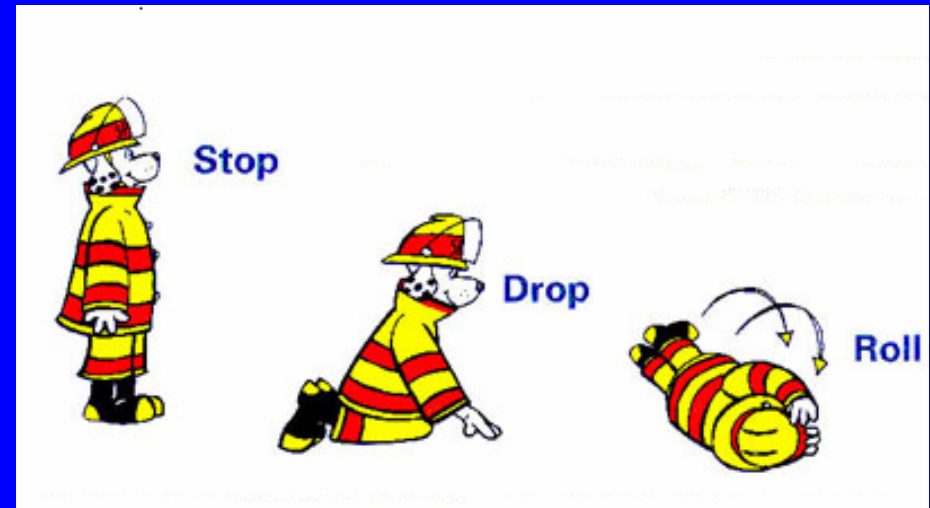
- Teaching children the importance of smoke detectors
- Reminds children to feel door and crawl low under smoke
- Teaches children to have two ways out from each bedroom
- In 2005, the Fire Safety House was used over 54 times with 13,493 children participating in the training



PLAY SAFE! BE SAFE!



- Target audience is children ages 3-5
- Teaches children about firefighters and their protective clothing
- Talks about “Stop, Drop, and Roll”



HOTEL EVACUATION TALKS



- Discusses high rise building features
- Teaches RCAF for fire emergencies
- Discusses the use of fire extinguishers
- Reinforces the importance of fire drills

HOME FIRE SAFETY TALKS



- Discusses the importance of smoke detectors
- Teaches the importance of having an escape plan
- Teaches the use of fire extinguishers
- Discusses common fire hazards found in homes

FIRE EXTINGUISHING TRAINING

Teaches:

- The classes of fires and different types of extinguishers
- PASS “Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep
- RCAF-Rescue, Confine, Alert, Fight



CAREER TALKS

- Target audience is grades 3rd thru 12th
- Discusses requirements for becoming a firefighter/fire inspector



HOSPITAL FIRE SAFETY TALKS

- Discusses fire brigade training
- Reviews patient evacuation procedures
- Answers questions regarding the fire safety plan
- Discusses common fire hazards found in hospitals



IN OTHER NEWS...

WELCOME TO NFPA's

**RISK
WATCH**



KEEPING KIDS SAFE!

Risk Watch
**Safe Community
Program**

- DFD obtained grant from Fireman's Insurance Fund benefiting the West Dallas community
- DFD to purchase smoke detectors with grant money
- DFD to implement Risk Watch program in DISD schools in the West Dallas area by January 2007



**Fireman's
Fund**

CANDLE TECHNOLOGY

- Smart Candles flicker without the flames
- Takes 2 Alkaline AAA batteries that last up to 50 hours
- Can be used in all commercial businesses and will not require a candle permit



