



**DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE  
DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE PREVENTION  
EDUCATION &  
INSPECTION**

**October 1, 2007**



# 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 Week is observed the week in which October 9<sup>th</sup> falls
- Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health & safety observance on record

# NATIONAL FIRE STATISTICS FROM NFPA

- 96% of homes have smoke detectors
- One out of every five homes will have smoke detectors that do not work
- 65% of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors
- An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke detectors
- 66% of Americans have an escape plan but 34% have not practiced it

# THE SAFEST CANDLE

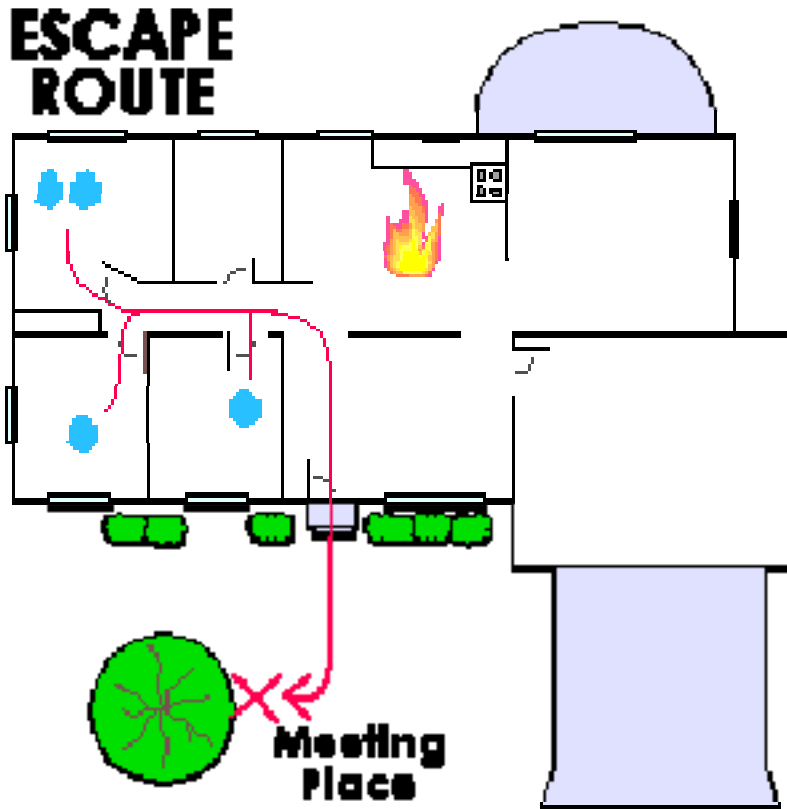
- 77% of Americans use candles in their homes
- Candle use accounts for 7% of home fire deaths
- Smart Candles flicker without the flames
- Takes 2 Alkaline AAA batteries that last up to 50 hours
- Can be used in all commercial businesses and will not require a candle permit



# THIS YEAR'S THEME:

“Practice Your Escape Plan”

# HOME ESCAPE PLAN



- Have a working smoke detector
- Sleep with the door closed
- Plan two ways out from each sleeping area
- Have a family meeting place outside
- Once OUT – Stay OUT
- Call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house

# FIRE PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITIES

- Sparky puppet shows
- Fire Safety House
- play safe! be safe!
- Risk Watch injury prevention
- Career talks
- Home fire safety talks
- Fire extinguisher training
- High rise evacuation talks
- Hotel evacuation talks
- Hospital fire safety talks

# SPARKY PUPPET SHOW

- Target audience is children 3-10 years of age
- 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





# FIRE SAFETY HOUSE



- Teaches children the importance of smoke detectors
- Reminds children to feel the doors and crawl low under smoke
- Teaches children to have two ways out from each bedroom
- In 2006, the Fire Safety House was used over 56 times with 13,193 children that participated 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”
- Teaches children the difference between tools and toys
- In 2006, “play safe! be safe!” was conducted 26 times with 1,204 children that participated.



Stop



Drop



Roll

# RISK WATCH INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM



- DFD obtained a grant from Fireman's Insurance Fund benefiting West Dallas
- Risk Watch program will be implemented in DISD elementary schools using clowns and puppets
- Program teaches: fire & burn prevention, poisoning prevention, motor vehicle safety, choking, suffocation & strangulation prevention, fall prevention, bike & pedestrian safety, firearms injury prevention and water safety

# CAREER TALKS

- Target audience is grades 3-12
- Discusses requirements for becoming a firefighter, fire inspector, and fire investigator



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# HOME FIRE SAFETY TALKS



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

# FIRE EXTINGUISHING TRAINING

Teaches:

- The classes on fires and different types of extinguishers
- PASS – Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep
- RCAF (Rescue, Confine, Alert, Fight) for fire emergencies



# HIGH RISE EVACUATION TALKS



- Reinforces the role of the Fire Warden
- Discuss high rise building features
- Teach RCAF for fire emergencies
- Discuss the use of fire extinguishers
- Reinforce the importance of fire drills

# HOTEL EVACUATION TALKS



- Discuss high rise building features
- Teach RCAF for fire emergencies
- Discuss the use of fire extinguishers
- Reinforce the importance of fire drills

# 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



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# OTHER PROGRAMS

- Truck/Engine “Show and Tells” at various schools
- Sparky the Fire Dog costume
- Robot fire truck
- “Boo at the Zoo” annual event at The Dallas Zoo

# CONTACT US

To schedule an educational program,  
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