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**Fire Protection Resource Library**

## A Volume From the Library

### Public Education

Summer is here and that means it's the season for fireworks, bonfires, and backyard barbecues. Combined with the scorching Texas heat, all these things can add up to be a recipe for disaster.

Expanding community awareness and educating constituents on fire prevention methods is an important undertaking. Social and traditional media are powerful tools in information

distribution.

Hands-on teaching is just as powerful, as it tends to leave a more lasting impression on adults and children alike. Sharing information with the public is a common and necessary part of summer fire prevention, but it never hurts to expand your department's public education toolbox. Check out the links below to get your hands on some great public education videos.

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#### Additional Resources:

- [USFA - Fire Prevention and Public Education](#)
- [Texas A& M Forest Service](#)
- [NFPA Public Education resources](#)

**Training Videos** Listed below are some of the videos available from our lending library on this subject.

#### [FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AT WORK](#)

**AV07-2085 Length: 18:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA**

Information provided in this video, combined with hands-on training, can make a critical difference in an employee's ability to respond in the event of a fire. Program participants will be able to: identify the most common types of portable extinguishers and understand the use of each; select the appropriate type of fire extinguisher for a specific type of fire; describe fire conditions that may indicate it is too dangerous to attempt to fight the fire with a portable extinguisher; and explain and demonstrate the PASS procedure—pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep. This 1999 NFPA program has been transferred to DVD format. (c1999)

#### [FIRE'S FURY](#)

**AV05-1897 Length: 15:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA**

This DVD shows the devastating reality of a candle fire. It tells the personal story of one family's narrow escape after a candle fire rages out of control and engulfs their home in smoke and flames. It emphasizes how a small fire can grow to life-threatening proportions in

minutes, and the importance of smoke alarms in saving lives. It outlines the basics of a home escape plan and shows how an unattended candle or heat producing appliance can lead to major consequences. (2005)

#### [FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE: FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY PROGRAMS](#)

**AV09-2300 Length: 30:45 Format: DVD Author: FETN**

This course is designed to teach fire suppression personnel what constitutes a comprehensive fire and life safety prevention program. It will include material that explains why that is important for public safety and why it is important to firefighters. Concurrently, it will offer some perspective to other fire prevention personnel who are in a position where they are trying to design and defend their own programs. Program begins at 1:50 minutes. (release date 4/08, c2009)

#### [TO HELL AND BACK: COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND JUVENILE FIRESETTERS](#)

**AV07-2173 Length: 60:00 Format: DVD Author: PEOPLE'S BURN FOUNDATION**

This DVD was developed for community awareness and is meant to realistically and honestly teach the reality of burn injuries. Survivors tell their stories and medical practitioners discuss burn injuries and treatment. This program is appropriate for high school and adult audiences, but should not be presented without a representative of the fire service in attendance. The second part of the program is aimed at juvenile firesetters. Age 7 to 9 should view with a parent or guardian and age 10 and older should view with a counselor or other interventionist. (2007)

#### [THE GREAT ESCAPE CHALLENGE](#)

**AV07-2120 Length: 17:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA**

This DVD program presents lifesaving information in a game show format that is suitable for the whole family. It covers the importance of smoke alarms and demonstrates fire escape procedures in two types of residential environments. It emphasizes the importance of practicing the escape plan and having a set meeting place for family members. A presenters guide accompanies the DVD. (2002)

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