



# IN THE NEWS...

OFFICE OF THE NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK Oct 4-10, 2015



This year's FPW campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm," provides an ideal opportunity to educate the public about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. The NFPA has everything your department will need, and we encourage your department to assist in educating our communities by using these easy ready made tools not only during Fire Prevention Week but throughout the year!

**CHECK OUT THESE IDEAS BELOW:**



**INFOGRAPHIC:**

The NFPA and USFA have created this FPW infographic highlighting the proper placement of smoke alarms within a residential home. Share on your website, blog, FB & Twitter acct!

**Station Open Houses and classroom visits are key during Fire Prevention Week. This year, make it an interactive experience by creating a variety of learning stations and revamping your open house.**

**LEARNING STATIONS:**



With these step-by-step instructions your department can create a variety of different learning stations to allow students to be divided into smaller, more manageable groups while they visit each station for 4 minutes.



**OPEN HOUSE:** Revamp your OPEN HOUSE to be successful this year! Make sure your open house activities reinforce this year's Fire Prevention Week theme and provide useful information on how to prevent and survive a fire.

[Click Here To Learn More!](#)

Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 am, when most people are asleep.

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## 2015–2016 SAFETY EDUCATOR Newsletter

Since 2012 the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Public Education Division has been distributing this invaluable newsletter not only to fire departments within the state but to educators of students in grades Pre-K through 4. Every month this newsletter is put together utilizing the variety of resources available within the fire service as well as other agencies throughout the country that work to keep our lives and communities safer.

We encourage families to read through the monthly newsletter and share it with their children and family and friends. By reading together they can create a sense of awareness and security that every member is aware and educated. As lives get busier and more hectic we often overlook the simplest things which in turn could create a hazardous situation. By educating everyone more eyes become aware and these hazards can be avoided within the home and community.

We ask that you reach out to your local superintendent, elementary school principals and teachers as well as preschool educators to make sure that this newsletter is being distributed however they see best fit: website, email distribution or printed hard copy. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the distribution list please email: Sheryl Nielsen, FMO Public Educator at [Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov).

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## ONE STOP EDUCATOR

An Educator's One Stop Resource



This year, in conjunction with our monthly *Safety Educator Newsletter*, the NH State Fire Marshal's Office will be introducing the **ONE STOP EDUCATOR: An Educator's One Stop Resource for Monthly Fire & Life Safety Quick Teaching Topics**. It is a proven fact that life is getting busier and the one constant place where students can learn how to be safer within their environment is at school. We realize that teaching is time consuming and under high demands so we have put together this quick reference guide that works in conjunction with our monthly newsletter. We have chosen two important topics that should be introduced/discussed within a classroom during that month. These lessons do not require a lot of educator preparation time and can be used as quick lessons, or if you choose, as a long lesson done over a period of time. During the month of September we encourage the topics of:

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



### FIREFIGHTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS



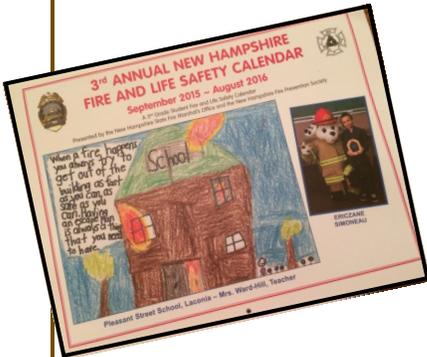
Educators will find reputable resource links and lesson plans to support these topics. If you will be educating 3rd grade students you will find that the second topic of every ONE STOP EDUCATOR will support the Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest topics! Should you have any questions or comments please email Sheryl Nielsen at [Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov).

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

*~ Nelson Mandela*

# ANNUAL FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CALENDAR CONTEST

2016-2017 will mark the 4th year for the Annual 3rd Grade Fire and Life Safety Poster Calendar Contest! This successful calendar contest is sponsored by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society. 3rd Grade Students are enthusiastically encouraged to participate in this year's calendar contest! Winning posters will be the monthly graphics chosen for the 2016-2017 Fire and Life Safety School Year Calendar. We thank all fire departments and schools that have participated by encouraging their 3rd grade students to participate and ask that you continue to assist this year as well. Let's make this year a record making year for number of posters received! If you would like to request copies of this year's 2015-2016 school year calendar to distribute throughout your department and/or 3rd graders in your community to promote the contest, please call the Fire Marshal's Office 603-223-4289 or email [Mary.Maccaffrie@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Mary.Maccaffrie@dos.nh.gov)



*Together we can work to keep the families of New Hampshire educated and safer!*



According to the NFPA:  
**From 2000 - 2015, 89 fires that killed 126 people have occurred on a college campus, in Greek housing or in off-campus housing within three miles of the campus. Of these:**

- \* 76 off-campus fires caused 107 deaths
- \* 7 on-campus building or residence hall fires claimed 9 victims\*
- \* 6 fires in Greek housing took the lives of 10 people



Going to college is an exciting time for students and their parents. Living in a new "home away from home" not only gives young adults more freedom to make their own choices, but it also puts upon them an increased level of personal responsibility while at school. Whether they are looking for a place to live or moving into a new found space, when it comes to on- and off-campus housing, it is important for students and parents to keep fire safety top of mind.

This September Governor Maggie Hassan has signed the Campus Fire Safety Proclamation declaring September as Campus Fire Safety Month. Help support college(s) within your community by reaching out and providing them with fire and life safety information on how students can keep themselves safer as they begin to live away from home.

Click Graphics below for more information.



**Campus Fire Safety Sheet:** Handout to students to educate them on the need for working smoke alarms.



NFPA & USFA have created an infographics perfect to share on any social media outlet.



Campus Fire Safety CHECKLIST

**VISIT THESE EXCELLENT RESOURCES To Assist In Your CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY Outreach Efforts:**






U.S. Fire Administration

# FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:



## **MA Fire & Life Safety Conference: September 28-29, 2015**

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Public Fire & Life Safety Education Task Force announces their 21st Annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference~ **Here We Grow Again**, September 28-29, 2015 to be held at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center, Westford, Massachusetts. You can attend for one day or both! There are many public education topics covered. Check it out!

Click for  
More Information

## **Fifth Annual NH Healthy Homes Conference: October 27, 2015 at Grappone Conference Center in Concord.**

Highlights for this year:

**Keynote speakers:** Murray Banks, Ellen Tohn, Tohn Environmental Strategies LLC and Mary Jean Brown, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch at the Centers for Disease Control.

### **Session Topics Include:**

- One Touch
- Drug Paraphernalia in the Home
- Home Fire Safety
- Safety for Home Visitors
- Interventions for Children Affected by Lead
- Preventing Mold in Your Home
- Bedbugs
- Meth Labs

Conference will include time for networking with colleagues as well as visiting with our exhibitors to find out what is new out in the field to make your job easier.

To view the agenda and register online:

More Info 



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This newsletter is compiled by the Public Education Division of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office with the intent to provide Fire & Life Safety Educators throughout the state with information that may assist them in educating their community and to provide educational opportunities to further ones' knowledge and provide networking opportunities. Please take a moment to read through the information, forward and post throughout your department. If you wish to be added to the distribution of this newsletter please email Sheryl Nielsen at [Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov).

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[http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/  
pub\\_ed/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub_ed/index.htm)

### **Current Loan Equipment Available:**

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pub\\_ed/FDResources.html](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub_ed/FDResources.html)

**We thank you for your continued support and efforts in creating a safer and more educated New Hampshire.**