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Fire Safety Advocate Plans Book Signing in IFSTA Booth at FDIC

Dayna Hilton Authors New Children’s Safety Book

Dayna Hilton, national ambassador for FireCorps and coordinator for the Johnson County Rural Fire District No.1 FireCorps in AR, has written a new children's book, Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog, to be released in April. Dayna and Sparkles (a real dog!), will be on a book signing tour in April, including at the IFSTA booth at FDIC. The book was inspired by the pre-school curriculum developed by the FPP research group, Fire Safety Solutions.

Dayna also wrote an article entitled, “The Pros and Cons of Props,” which was published in the October 2007 issue of Fire Engineering magazine. She is a member of the IFSTA Public Education Committee and an expert on fire and life safety education. “You are your own best visual aid,” Dayna said. “Nothing is more important than the speaker, the voice, and the message.” She also noted that props, used appropriately, greatly can enhance educational presentations.

Readers interested in more information can find important fire safety tips on PBS KIDS Sprout online at www.sproutonline.com/firesafety for fire safety videos, activity sheets, games, and more.