“Between the Passion and the Reality”
For Destry

My wife, Rose Ann, is a secondary school teacher, and a few years ago she wrote a piece for her students called “Between the Passion and the Reality” where she described the heart of her work, and she concluded it with

My one great hope is that at the end of the day, at the end of the semester, at the end of the year, and at the end of my life, at least some of them know that I care, that they matter to me, and that I believe with all the passion I can carry in my heart that they too have a gift to share with the world. Between the frustration and the fulfillment, between the passion and the reality, I hope that I can help a few of them find it.

And the other day I thought again “between the passion and the reality . . .” is where both you and we at FPP live every day as well. For you, it is the passion to serve others in your community, to keep them safe, to support each other in that effort, and when all else fails the reality to be willing to give all you have to save those in need.

Destry Horton was like that. Destry was a firefighter who had a passion for service and committed all he had to that service both as a full time firefighter for a community here in Oklahoma and as a volunteer firefighter on his days off. Destry died in the line of duty in March of 2006, one of over a hundred like him in our country with the same commitment and values who also gave their lives in the line of duty that year. Today, Destry’s parents, family, and friends are working tirelessly to memorialize all that is good about him and his ultimate sacrifice of service by raising money to fund a new ICU wing at the Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Between the passion of Destry’s service and the reality of his sacrifice lies a future in his name to serve others long after a promising career ended so tragically. It represents all that is good about what he did and about the way so many cared about him, just like you and what you do everyday.

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Updating the NIMS Consortium Model Procedures Guides

By Mike Wieder

For the past 15 years, the National Incident Management System Consortium (NIMSC, formerly the National Fire Service Incident Management System Consortium) has been the leading organization for developing model procedures guides that apply the principles of the Incident Command System (ICS) to specific types of incidents. The NIMSC has previously published seven model procedures guides, including the very popular IMS Model Procedures Guide for Structural Fire Fighting. Some of the documents are in their 2nd edition. The actual documents are published and distributed by IFSTA/Fire Protection Publications (FPP).

Recently, the NIMSC decided that, rather than continue to publish a large number of single topic documents, the emergency services would be better served by two comprehensive publications. The first of these was released by FPP in mid-May 2008. Titled Incident Command System Model Procedures Guide for Incidents Involving Structural Fire Fighting, High Rise, Multi Casualty, Highway, & Managing Large-Scale Incidents Using NIMS-ICS (1st Edition), this book contains over 500 pages of detailed information on implementing NIMS-compliant ICS at the most common types of incidents to which firefighters and other first responders routinely respond.

The new manual combines the information from four existing Model Procedures Guides, plus new information on managing large-scale incidents, into one comprehensive, NIMS-compliant
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Director’s Letter

And what I hope is equally evident to you is our passion at FPP and IFSTA to provide for your safety and proficiency by providing you with not just good training materials, but the very best in our industry, readily available to you and at best value. That is our mission, and we commit to you through values like accountability, courage, integrity, professionalism, quality, unity, communication, and most importantly, safety. And perhaps those values are exhibited no better than through our validation process. Over the years in SOF we have outlined that process in great detail, but suffice to say it is educationally sound and rigorous, comprehensive, focused, and the most legitimate process available to you to best ensure your professional competence and safety. We highly value our validation process and commit a lot of resources and time to doing it right. And we guard it jealously. Validation is not just a marketing term that is to be thrown around lightly; it is our commitment to your safety. And thousands of IFSTA participants over the past 75 years, including many of you, have committed their own time and organizational, and many times personal, resources to that process as well.

You’ve no doubt heard and seen the quote by Charles Caleb Colton that “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.” Decades ago, IFSTA was the first to offer an “Essentials,” ours were the first “red books,” and as we have often noted, all of our IFSTA manuals have been validated since 1934. Today you can purchase an Essentials that isn’t IFSTA, or manuals with red covers that look amazingly like IFSTA red books, or more recently materials that the publisher offers as “validated.” Well, we’re flattered! And you have a choice, and that’s good too. In fact, no matter whose materials you use, if the end result is that your firefighters are safer because of them and you remain committed to an effective training program, then ultimately our mission has been met. But we would encourage you that in your deliberation of the materials you choose for your training, to look closely at where you invest your community’s resources. Evaluate their “validation” process closely. Is their educational and training methodology sound? Are the methods safe? Do they represent best practice backed by sound research? Is the product state of the art while still maintaining a depth of quality? Do they reinvest back into the fire service or instead into shareholder pockets? Are they backed by one of the top engineering colleges in our nation through a major institution of higher education or by a business focused on profits? Were they here 75 years ago, and will they be here 75 years from now, or will they go back from where they came after the profits are gone?

We’ve said it before, we’ll say it again - our mission at OSU and FPP is to serve the fire service, because IFSTA is the fire service! It’s our passion! And when you succeed - when you successfully provide for those you serve and go home safely – then we succeed. And that’s the reality. To paraphrase Rose Ann

    Our great hope is that at the end of the day, at the end of your shift, at the end of your career, and at the end of your life, at least some of you know that we care, that your safety matters to us, and that we know with all the passion we can carry in our hearts that we have helped you make the world a safer place. Between the frustration and the fulfillment, between the passion and the reality, we hope that we can help a few - like Desty and those who care for him - realize that they made a difference.

Be safe!

Chris Neal

1 to learn more about the Desty Horton ICU at Integris Baptist Medical Center go to: http://www.integris-health.com/INTEGRIS/en-US/CharitableGiving/GivingOpportunities/hortonMemorial.htm

2 see Speaking of Fire Winter 2005-06, Vol.5 Number 1

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New Manual Update

book. As with all NIMSC model procedures, this information was developed and approved by a broad group of national experts on these topics, including some in disciplines other than the fire service.

The manual includes basic information on NIMS ICS and detailed information on how to apply it to structure fires, high-rise fires, major EMS incidents, roadway incidents, and other large-scale incidents. This manual includes topics such as unified command, area command, joint operations centers (JOC), multiagency coordination centers (MACC) and many others. This is the definitive text on the application of NIMS ICS to common types of emergency incidents.

The second manual in the set, due to be released in the fall of 2008, is similar in design to the first book. This second manual will include detailed information about wildland fires, hazardous materials incidents, USAR/structural collapse incidents, and other large scale incidents.

The primary advantage of using these publications as opposed to free publications from government sources is that the NIMSC publications go well beyond providing simple information on the ICS framework. These publications take the next step and provide examples about how to apply ICS to specific types of incidents. These examples can be used to train personnel to apply ICS efficiently to any incident in real world situations.

The NIMSC began meeting in 1989 and was formally incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1993. Its members represent numerous local, state, and national fire service, EMS, law enforcement, emergency management, industrial, and other government organizations. Funds from the sales of the books are used to offset meeting costs, fund member participation in both NIMSC and other fire service meetings, and to revise and develop new manuals. Current officers include:
- President – Fire Chief Phillip Vorlander, Des Moines, IA Fire Department
- Vice President – Battalion Chief George Maier, FDNY
- Treasurer – Edward Hawthorne, Shell Oil Co. and Channel Industries Mutual Aid Group, Houston, TX
- Secretary – Assistant Director Mike Wieder, IFSTA/FPP, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- Model Procedures Chair – Division Chief (Ret.) Gene Chantler, Poudre Fire Authority, Fort Collins, CO
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For more information on the NIMSC, see their website at www.ims-consortium.org. For more information on the model procedures guides and to order your copy, go to www.ifsta.org.

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Novelty Lighter Safety Initiative

By Dayna Hilton

The Oregon State Fire Marshal’s office initiated the first U.S. ban on novelty lighters. The toy-like devices may look like cell phones, race cars, or animals, and that’s the problem. They currently are outlawed in Europe but are legal throughout most of the U.S.

Recently, several Arkansas cities have made the decision to ban the lighters. Lt. Mark Shoemaker, a North Little Rock Fire Department fire marshal, has been instrumental in this effort. Since March 2007, he has spoken widely to parents and teachers on the dangers of the lighters. He collects the novelty lighters and uses them to demonstrate how attractive they are to children. Shoemaker said, “We can teach children that if they find matches or lighters, they need to tell a grown up. The part I struggle with is how do you teach a child not to play with a race car?”

Shoemaker has expressed concern that a ban itself may cause a negative reaction. “It’s about doing away with something that, no matter how you look at it, is just a bad idea.” He noted that even responsible parents can, by accident, misplace a lighter, and that the results can be tragic.

The city of Clarksville, AR, recently established its own ban. Fire Chief Ron Wylie stated, “It was the responsible thing to do.” He added, “The nation is up in arms over the toy recalls in recent months. Why is it taking so long to get the same response for the fake toys that adults leave lying around for their children to find?”

Jimmy Parks contributed her support in a letter to the Clarksville City Council, noting, “Two children recently died in a home fire in Russellville started by a child playing with a novelty lighter.” Parks is outreach coordinator and a burn nurse at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She observed that more than 30 percent of her patients are burned in fires they set themselves or while playing with fire.

Parks urged forward-thinking local authorities to protect their children until the Consumer Product Safety Commission strengthens national laws restricting the sale of the lighters. She wrote, “Burn prevention professionals currently teach to children and families that lighters are tools, not toys, and require adult supervision. Novelty lighters look like toys and are contradictory to the prevention messages currently taught.”

Statistics show that the state of Arkansas has one of the highest fire-related death rates in the US, with most of those being young children and the elderly. North Little Rock was the third city in the nation to ban novelty lighters.

When asked how the novelty lighter ban is working, Shoemaker said, “It’s amazing how much influence the media can have on any given topic. It has really been great how much interest there has been in the state with this initiative.”

Shoemaker is part of a working group supporting local communities in establishing their own lighter bans. He said, “We are in the process of forming a coalition where we can all be heard as one voice, and we have a web page in the works.” For the future, Shoemaker has big aspirations. He observed, “I feel very confident, although it may take some time, that we will eventually see a statewide ban. We live in a great state. I would love to see Arkansas stay ahead of the curve.”

A more detailed story on this subject, also authored by Dayna Hilton, can be found online at Firehouse.com at the following URL: http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?sectionId=9&id=57804.

The article includes additional information on the Oregon and Arkansas initiatives, as well as novelty lighter quick facts and Mark Shoemaker’s tips for banning novelty lighters.

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Keeping Responders Safe: Using Safety Stories That Work

By Lee Ireland

Every fire department has homegrown stories available to them that can be used to illustrate safety lessons. You just need to seek them out, choose and use them skillfully. Instructors need to select stories that address their educational objectives, including those that deal with safety. In my search to find out what makes a good safety story, I could find no single source that would tell instructors what the components of effective stories are, so that they can create and modify their own stories.

I set out to discover how instructors, drillmasters and fire officers can dramatically affect firefighters’ attitudes towards their own safety, the safety of their colleagues and the public they serve. Finally, I wanted to know what the best types of stories were and how they could be used as an arsenal to influence firefighters’ attitudes towards safety.

To answer these questions, I traveled to every region of the country where I sought out stories from the people who are, “Where the rubber meets the road.” I was even fortunate enough to be able to gather stories from responders who are members of the unique cultures of Alaska, Hawaii and the Tohono Odham Indian Reservation of Arizona. All told, I surveyed 604 responders residing in 33 states, one Canadian province and a Native American tribe. I conducted 62, mass-research sessions, asking 1,116 firefighters to tell me their safety stories. More than half of them were able to offer at least one story. I examined over 17,000 aspects of the stories that I collected. Here is what I found.

Stories Involving Death & Injury

There is no need to have stories involve the deaths of either responders or the public. Effective stories that involved responder injury (during emergencies) were somewhat more effective than those where no responder was hurt. But there were almost as many stories (within 8.5%) where no responder was injured. There is even some degree of effectiveness for those stories where no injury to anyone was involved. So, you can use stories where death and injury have occurred but you can also use stories that do not contain these elements almost as effectively.

Emergencies In-Progress

My research has shown that firefighters were positively impacted by the stories that were the subject of the research. As you might expect, I found that stories involving emergencies-in-progress are more effective to tell than those involving non-emergencies, by a factor of four.

When To Tell Stories

Stories that were told at the beginning of a responder’s career positively impacted their attitudes towards safe work practices. Make definite plans to ensure that firefighters will be exposed to safety stories at critical points in their first years – it’s never too late to tell a story. Stories can be somewhat effective when told at any time during a responder’s fire department participation.

Learning New Skills

Of all the stories told, few were heard at the time of learning a new skill. This seems to suggest that departments are not utilizing a potentially powerful tool to shape responders’ attitudes towards safety. Try including safety stories at the time of teaching a new skill. If done consistently and in a uniform manner, it may yield surprising results.

Training Programs

Including stories as part of the department’s training program has advantages. This gives us hope that if we institutionalize safety stories, we can save more firefighters from injury and death. Departments should analyze the frequency and placement of safety stories. Each story that is part of the training program must pass muster by having objectives that are pertinent to the subject. Brevity and taste should be hallmarks of stories told by the department.

True Stories

While stories purported to be true are effective, this does not preclude telling stories where all aspects cannot be documented. The key element is honesty in revealing the story’s origins. Fire service educators can construct plausible stories that contain truths about safe work practices without maintaining that the stories actually took place.

Tips

Follow these tips to turn events that happened in your department into tools that will help keep your personnel safe.

Tips for Telling Effective Safety Stories

- If you use safety stories from your own experience, downplay your role. You don’t want responders to think that the focus is on you (a War Story) but rather the focus is on the point of safety.
- Stories from your department or geographic area should help responders to realize that it could happen here and happen to them.
- Ask members of your department for safety stories that positively impacted them.
- Stories don’t have to be true to be effective. So, you don’t need to present them as true. If asked about their veracity, you can state that the safety principle is undeniable true and that there is much documentation to attest to that fact. The focus is on safety, not the details.
- Categorize your safety stories, then correlate the subject of the stories to the lesson or drill that you wish to use the story to illustrate.
- It’s not necessary to include death or injury in the story.
- Look for stories that involve emergencies in progress. They are four times as effective.
- Be sure that the stories are always told to new and relatively new members. The impact will be enhanced when told at those times.
- Include stories whenever a new skill is being learned, regardless of the time in service of the responders involved.

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Home Fire Safety for People With Disabilities

Public Fire Educators have come to realize that fire prevention education is a year round necessity. But traditionally there is a heightened focus this time of year on the many activities and programs you will be delivering this fall in your communities.

Quality educational materials for use in your fire safety programs with the general public have become more abundant. But finding appropriate materials for high risk audiences can still be a bit more challenging. Included in high risk audiences are people with hearing, visual and mobility disabilities.

Realizing the need for home fire safety developed specifically for people with these disabilities, Nancy Trench, assistant director at FPP, and her staff began the research for developing just such a program. Finding fire prevention and safety education answers which are relevant for people who cannot hear the sound of a smoke alarm and be awakened, or cannot climb a step ladder to test and maintain their alarm challenged the staff to find new and different solutions.

Committed to the challenge of finding true fire safety solutions for people with disabilities, the importance of involving the target audience was paramount. As a result, focus groups were invited, and used to advise and review the progress each step of the way.

As a result, educational materials that include smoke alarm installation, testing and maintenance as well as the most important fire safety messages were developed, tested, refined and finalized. With support from FEMA/USFA Assistance to Firefighters grant programs, these materials are being used throughout Oklahoma as a part of Fire Safety Solutions for Oklahoma’s With Disabilities. These materials are also available to any public fire educator as single copies, or in quantities, for use in fire prevention and safety programs.

The materials are free, you or your department only pay the cost of shipping. These materials are available in printed form. A DVD for adults who are deaf and use American Sign Language (ASL) is also available, Fire Safety For YOU at Home, Presented in American Sign Language. These can be given to adults who use ASL as an alternative to a printed brochure.

Specifically FPP is offering the following fire safety messages:

- **Home Fire Safety for People who are Blind / Low Vision in Regular Print (#37503), in Large Print (#37504), and in Spanish Large Print (#37505)**
- **Home Fire Safety for People with Mobility Impairments in Regular Print (#37506), in Large Print (#37507), and in Spanish Large Print (#37508)**
- **Home Fire Safety for People who are Deaf in Regular Print (#37509), in Large Print (#37510), and in Spanish Large Print (#37511)**
- **Home Fire Safety for People who are Hard of Hearing in Regular Print (#37512), in Large Print (#37513), and in Spanish Large Print (#37514)**
- **Fire Safety For You At Home in American Sign Language, a DVD with English Voice Over and Captioning (#37500)**

We are very pleased to offer these to you at no cost, but shipping charges will apply. Actual shipping is based on quantity and destination. Small quantities would probably range from approximately $5.00 to $7.00. As the quantity increases so does the total weight which will be reflected in increased shipping charges.

Please contact our Customer Service department by calling (800) 654-4055. They will happily take your order and can tell you exactly what the shipping will be.

As always we wish you well in all your fire prevention education efforts!
The award-winning Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kit series released volume 3 in June, 2008. This series of training videos and cutting-edge articles regarding firefighter health, wellness, and safety is widely recognized as one of the best training tools every fire department must have in its training tool kit.

Like its predecessors, volume 3 will be sent free to every fire department in the United States, and to all major fire service organizations—over 34,000 individual entities. Through a Fire Act Grant, the Everyone Goes Home Program® is able to assemble material that cannot be found in one source anywhere else. Material on volume 3 will appeal to the vast spectrum of fire service organizations across the United States, and includes material that can be freely copied and distributed to fire department training classes.

Volume 3 contains one DVD of training videos and 2 CDs with video support material and other resources, including the 2007 EGH newsletter archive. If you have missed any important trends released by the EGH program, you will be able to go back and capture this information. Along with the EGH website, the newsletter is the best source available for information regarding the prevention of firefighting line of duty injuries and LODDs.

The DVD on volume 3 offers six videos directly relating to firefighter safety. In terms of health and wellness, we are honored to present a program developed by the Firefighter Cancer Support Network—a group of fire service cancer survivors and their families who have important information to share with all brothers and sisters of the fire service. Mike Dubron, president of the FCSN, and other survivors deliver a powerful message about the relationship between cancer and firefighting. Sadly, this past March, the FCSN lost its wellness coordinator, Debbi Wood, as she lost her valiant, 8 year battle with cancer.

The other videos on the DVD include important information on electrical safety for firefighters, an articulation of the issues surrounding wood I-beam floors, and an interesting video by the People's Burn Foundation on how firefighters must take up the cause and become advocates for residential sprinklers. There is also a short video explaining the role of code officials in fire safety which may be useful to fire departments which must work closely and indeed enforce local fire safety codes. The DVD also includes a wonderful Public Safety Announcement (PSA) regarding wildland firefighting, especially tailored for the structural-trained firefighter who may find him or herself in the urban interface. This video was written and filmed by a firefighter stationed at the Tahoe National Forest in northern California.

The DVD also includes a motivational video, Advocates for Firefighter Safety, which may be downloaded and used by fire departments as they take up and continue their individual campaigns for LODI and LODD reduction.

The first CD in volume 3 contains support material for the DVD (some power points and lesson plans) and also late-breaking research material, especially the reports on Global Concepts in Residential Fire Safety and two reports from Oklahoma State University on fire department safety management systems. If you want to be conversant on the latest trends in the fire service, you should read these reports. The EGH program is proud to include some of its own material on this disc, including a PowerPoint® program aimed at firefighter health and safety titled, Will We Change? This program, we hope, will be used by every fire department to encourage firefighter wellness. Finally, this CD has two very important elements that many fire departments have been requesting. The first is a PowerPoint® presentation on how to implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives, and the second is a handbook to accompany the course. Used in tandem, any fire department can now present the Initiatives in a coherent and easy to implement format.

The second CD contains the newsletter archive and a brilliant presentation donated to volume 3 by ResponderSafety.com. The Watch Out Behind You! presentation should become a critical element in your department’s vehicle safety program. Along with the presentation PowerPoint®, you will be receiving an instructor manual and files as well as background material and video clips. This is a powerful program that will serve to improve the link between vehicle safety and firefighter LODD prevention.

Like the two before it, we are confident that Volume 3 of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kit series will become a trusted and often-consulted component in your department’s commitment to firefighter health, wellness and safety. If you do not receive a copy of Volume 3 by mid-summer, consult the www.everyonegoeshome.com website for instruction on how your department may obtain its copy.

About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)
The United States Congress created the NFFF to lead a nationwide effort to remember America’s fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers. With the support of fire and life safety organizations and funding from Fireman’s Fund and the Department of Homeland Security, the NFFF launched a major initiative to reduce firefighter deaths. Its goal is to reduce line-of-duty firefighter deaths by 25 percent in five years. For more information on the National Fallen Firefighter’s Foundation, please visit www.firehero.org or visit www.everyonegoeshome.com for more information about the Everyone Goes Home Program®.
Pennsylvania Fire Publication Highlights

FPP Research

Series Helps Firefighters Work with People with Disabilities

The Pennsylvania Fireman, a monthly publication, ran a series of articles from FPP entitled “Social Etiquette - Tips for Firefighters Who Work with People with Disabilities” in the April, May, and June 2008 issues. The guide describes how to interact with people with disabilities and gives information on what to expect when visiting the home of a person with a disability. Pointers also are included for effective communication. The information is a product of FPP Research and soon will be available for download on the IFSTA website.

FPP Editorial Staff Receives High Honors at the International Level

Coveted ISTC Award Announced

IFSTA/FPP representatives recently were notified that the IFSTA Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer (4th edition) manual was recognized as a winner in the International Technical Publications Competition (ITPC) for 2007-08. The manual received a Distinguished rating and Best of Show in the Publications/Books division at the annual awards banquet of the Lone Star Community of the Society for Technical Communications (STC) earlier this year, which ensured its inclusion in the STC International competition.

The society sponsors the ITPC to determine, recognize, and encourage excellence in communication through printed media. The ITPC honors technical writers and editors who set the standards for published technical communication. Congratulations to editors Frederick M. Stowell, Barbara Adams, and Cindy Brakhage for their for published technical communication. Congratulations to editors Frederick M. Stowell, Barbara Adams, and Cindy Brakhage for their

Mike Wieder Contributes Article for Canadian Fire Chief Magazine

Piece Promotes Understanding of NFPA 1001 and Essentials 5th Edition

The 2008 Annual Directory of Canadian Fire Chief Magazine published an article in May highlighting the benefits of the two versions of the new Essentials of Fire Fighting and how the manuals cover the firefighting requirements of NFPA 1001. Mike Wieder, assistant director and managing editor of FPP, noted a detailed list of the components that accompany the manuals and a description of how they work together as a comprehensive instructor and student program.

FPP Employee Elected to University Council

Staff Member Continues Service to the University

FPP Editorial Unit Assistant Tara Graham recently was elected as the chair of the OSU Staff Advisory Council (SAC). SAC represents the interests of all non-faculty university employees to the university administration. Tara has been a member of SAC for a number of years and previously served as a committee chair. She is the first FPP employee ever to be elected to this position. FPP Senior Editor Leslie Miller also is a SAC member.

Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities

How to Implement a Home Fire Safety & Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities is a comprehensive home fire safety program that includes fire safety education for people with disabilities and information on installing specialized smoke alarms.

Copies of this guide – one or more – are available free of charge to anyone involved or interested in implementing a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program for people with disabilities. The booklet also will be available for download from the IFSTA website in the future. The implementation guide answers many questions, including:

- Where do I begin?
- What do I need to do?
- What are “partners” and why do I need them?
- How do I reach my target audience?
- How much will it cost?
- How long will it take?
- How do I measure results?

Shipping costs will be charged based on the weight and destination of your order. Please contact FPP Customer Service (800) 654-4055 for your copies of Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities (Item #37515) today.

Wieder Online

Hudiburg Award Announced on Firehouse.com

As announced previously in Speaking of Fire, FPP Assistant Director Mike Wieder has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the IFSTA Hudiburg Award. Firehouse.com covered the story online at http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Industry-Business-News/Hudiburg-Award-Recipient-Named/50$59760

British Columbia Shares FPP Fire Prevention Research Information

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Dedication of Preschool Curriculum to Charles Anaya

Fire Safety for Young Children
An Early Childhood Education Curriculum

After years of research, testing and city wide implementation, this fire safety curriculum for young children is now in its final printed form. With a partnership between Fire Protection Publications and the Early Childhood Education Program at Oklahoma State University, the development of the child sensitive curriculum was made possible with financial support from a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

As part of the development process this curriculum was implemented district wide in every Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten class in Stillwater, Oklahoma (2006-2007), reaching over 800 children. The local fire department plays an integral role in this program with firefighter visits to the classroom and conducting fire station tours for the children.

Charles Anaya, Assistant Fire Marshal for the Stillwater, OK Fire Department was the key fire department staff person who jumped into this project with both feet and supported these important facets of the curriculum. His unfailing support and enthusiasm for this project were truly an inspiration.

To honor Charles, the project staff chose to dedicate the curriculum to him. Unfortunately we lost Charles to illness last fall, which makes this dedication even more heartfelt. Shelly, his wife told us that fire safety education for young children was most important to him.

The dedication was presented to Charles’ wife, Shelly, and their two children, privately in early June.

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