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NFPA Safety Source

Attention Educators! Take advantage of NFPA's educational opportunities at the NFPA Conference & Expo® in Chicago, IL, June 8 to 10, 2009.



We've got some great educational opportunities designed just for you, as well as some outstanding networking opportunities in the works. We are awarding up to 30 scholarships to the Conference for fire and life safety educators. What you get: free Conference registration, three nights lodging, and some meals during the conference. What you need to do: you'll be responsible for airfare, airport transfers, some meals, and miscellaneous expenses. [Apply today!](#)

Public Education News

New Sprinkler Campaign

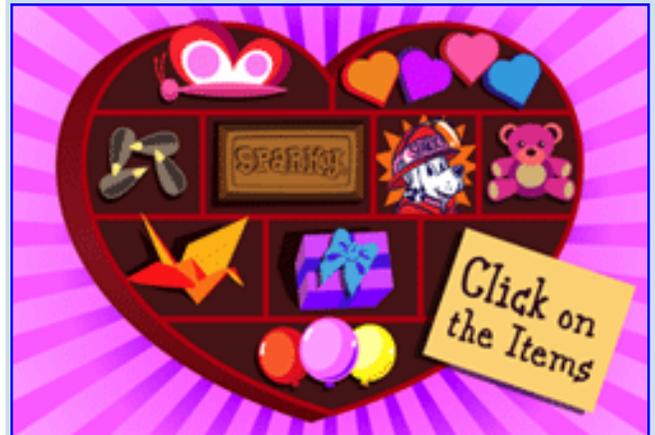


NFPA launches new initiative to help [Bring Safety Home with fire sprinklers](#). The campaign will focus on encouraging sprinkler adoptions for new one- and two-family homes on a statewide and local level.

New Report

Risk of fire death and injury varies by age, race, region, and community size. States in which a large percentage of the population are black, are poor, smoke, have less formal education, or live in rural areas have higher fire death rates than other states. See our new report [Socioeconomic Factors and Fire](#).

New Sparky e-card



Have a special Valentine? Send him or her a [Sparky-card](#).

Family Activity



There are no bones about it—the new [Sparky activity](#) will be a hit with the kids!

Free Smoke Alarm Video

Great for community presentations! NFPA's Sharon Gamache takes you through [installing and maintaining a smoke alarm](#).



NFPA Opportunities



Check out our new [Fire Service Today Blog](#). The blog is hosted by members of the Public Fire Protection Division of NFPA. The blog will provide information and commentary on a wide variety of fire service-related topics.

FIRE Act Grant Ideas

Ideas for using NFPA public education materials in your FIRE Act Grant Proposal. [Grant deadline March 6, 2009](#).



Events for Educators

- February 27 to 28 and March 1, 2009, [Green River Firefighter Association Officers School](#), Lexington, Kentucky
- March 24, 2009 [Fire Marshals Association of Oklahoma Spring Public Safety Education and Community Relations Mini-Conference](#), Edmond, Oklahoma
- March 26 to 29, [2009 Northeastern Fire Education Conference](#), North Bay, Ontario
- April 23, 2009, [Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts Annual Training Seminar](#), Milford, Massachusetts
- April 15 to 17, 2009, [Illinois Fire Inspectors Association 33rd Annual Public Fire and Life Safety Conference](#), Galena, Illinois
- April 26 to 30, 2009, [Southeastern Fire and Life](#)

Snapshot of the Month



Participants at the [Remembering When™](#) conference held last December in Boston role play the fire and fall behaviors to older adults. Participants learned how to implement the program in their communities at the two day conference. [See more pictures and get a recap of the conference!](#)

Newly updated!



Reviewed by experts in the field and filled with new photographs, the [Fire Safety for People with Disabilities](#) brochure is sure to be a great addition to your community program for people with disabilities.

[Safety Educators Conference](#), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

 **From our press room**

Nearly three in four people killed in [home heating fires](#) used space heaters.



Out in the field

Howdy, I'm Monica Colby, the Denver Region Public Education Field Advisor. I enjoy living near Salt Lake City, the state capital of Utah, and working with the great fire and life safety educators here.

In 1998, a Utah fire department took a chance and hired me as a public education specialist, and I've been in love with the fire service since. [Find out more about Monica.](#)

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