

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION  
**IN THE NEWS...**

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**2013 LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**NASFM FIRE RESEARCH & EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION ALONG WITH GRINNELL MUTUAL  
REINSURANCE COMPANY PRESENTS THE 2013  
LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.**



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We know the heroic efforts of our nations fire service aren't limited to responding to emergencies. They are also busy presenting fire prevention education information to local schools and other community groups to make sure people know how to respond to fires and how to prevent them in the first place.

The Life Safety Achievement Award established in 1994 was created to both honor and inspire our country's fire departments in their fight to reduce fire fatalities through fire prevention education. Over the years, award recipients have led many creative and effective prevention programs. Most important, together we've saved lives.

The application period for the national Life Safety Achievement Award opens on Thursday, May 1, to recognize fire departments for their efforts in 2013. The award criteria and application will be available on the NASFM website [firemarshals.org](http://firemarshals.org) or on Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company's website at [grinnellmutual.com](http://grinnellmutual.com) next week. Again this year, the application may be submitted online. All applications must be **received by July 31, 2014**. ([Click here](#) to access the application beginning May 1.)

We need your help in spreading the word so we can recognize fire departments that are making a difference with their fire prevention efforts all across New Hampshire and this nation.

Thank you for your commitment to saving lives through fire prevention and for helping spread the word about this award which recognizes fire prevention efforts.

**Bill Degnan**  
**NASFM President**  
**NH State Fire Marshal**



## VEHICLE ARSON AWARENESS

According to the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, the most common motive (41%) for an arsonist is revenge. An arsonist will target the home of someone in retaliation for an actual or perceived injustice against him or her. A car is viewed as an extension of the individual and is a very personal target for revenge arson.

Other common motives for vehicle arson include:

- ▶ Concealing another crime
- ▶ Curiosity
- ▶ Excitement
- ▶ Insurance fraud/Arson for profit
- ▶ Vandalism

[Learn more on Vehicle Arson Awareness  
2014 NH Vehicle Arson Awareness Proclamation](#)

→The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program indicates that over the last 10 years (2003-2012) there has been an average of 14,737 vehicle arsons reported, accounting for 26.5 percent of total arsons annually.

[Learn More](#)



## NFPA Fire Analysis and Research Reports

The NFPA has been very busy within their Fire Analysis and Research Department. They have requested that we share the following links with you. Below are links to several reports that have been updated or created. If you would like to request copies or be added to their report distribution list please contact Paula Levesque, NFPA Sr. Administrative Assistant, at [plevesque@nfpa.org](mailto:plevesque@nfpa.org).

### Fire Analysis and Research reports released:

[Fires Starting with Flammable Gas or Flammable or Combustible Liquid](#)

[Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires](#)

[Playing with Fire](#)

[Intentional Fires](#)

### Research Foundation reports released:

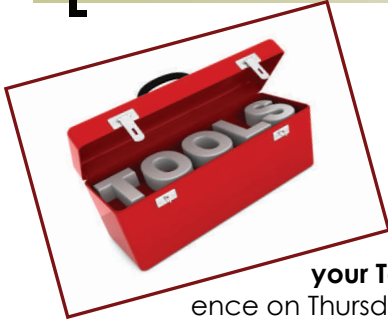
[Guidance Document Emergency Communication Strategies for Buildings](#)

[Addressing the Performance of Sprinkler Systems: NFPA 25 and Other Strategies Workshop Summary](#)

[Smoke Alarm Nuisance Source Characterization-Phase 1](#)



[Learn More](#) about the call to action for USFA, fire and life safety partner organizations and the American public. We must join together to help reduce the number of home fires, and the resulting deaths, injuries and loss of property. We rely on the fire service to fight fires once they occur; however, the prevention of fires is up to all of us ... Fire is Everyone's Fight™.



## BUILD YOUR TOOLBOX AND CONNECT THE DOTS: WORKING WITH YOUTH FIRESETTERS

Thursday, Sept 25th at the NH Fire Academy

The New Hampshire Youth Firesetter Task Force will be holding a **Build your Toolbox and Connect the Dots: Working with Youth Firesetters** Conference on Thursday, September 25th at the NHFA. The goal of this conference is to bring together Fire, Police, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice and Education personnel that work with the youth and have concerns of fire setting and fire misuse.

The goals of the conference are:

- ▶ Provide a framework for communities looking to establish a Youth Firesetter Program.
- ▶ Provide existing resources.
- ▶ Acknowledge the challenges in maintaining a program, including decreasing budgets.
- ▶ Assist youth and their families with the necessary help and support they need for YFS behavior.

**Please save the date. More information to come.**

Interested in JFS training? Click here for:

- ▶ [Juvenile Intervention & Prevention Level I](#)
- ▶ [Juvenile Intervention & Prevention Level II](#)

## SAFETY EDUCATOR Newsletter



**Safety Educator** is a monthly/bimonthly newsletter created as a valuable learning/teaching tool for educators, fire departments, children and their families. With every fire and life safety topic we discuss in this newsletter, we encourage citizens to contact their **local fire department** with any questions or concerns. We currently distribute this newsletter electronically to Elementary and Early Childhood Schools throughout the state, along with Fire Departments, Police Departments, Health Professionals, State Fire Marshal Distribution lists, etc. These newsletters may be shared via social media, website, electronically, or printed and distributed. We encourage you to share and utilize this newsletter as you see fit.

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Contact us TODAY to obtain your FREE Risk Watch preK-8 program and materials while supplies last.

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## FMO Public Education Website

Please visit our updated website for information that your department can utilize to assist in its educational outreach efforts. There you will find Fire and Life Safety Information that is child, parent and educator approved including websites and Home Safety Information. For Educators looking to enhance your educational programs you will find Educational Outreach Resources, FMO Equipment available for loan, and Reproducible Fire and Life Safety fact sheet handouts.



[Read More▶▶▶](#)



## NFPA WEBSITE LISTING ON FIRE PREVENTION

**NFPA is looking for your help!** As part of their public education efforts, they are creating a focused campaign to increase the number of working smoke alarms in homes and increase safe cooking practices, both indoors and out. The NFPA understands that you know your communities better than anyone. Please join us in getting these life-safety messages out to the people who need them. This menu lists some **FREE NFPA** resources to help fire and life safety educators reduce the fire problem in their communities.

▶▶▶ [See the FREE Menu of NFPA Resources](#)



## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2nd Annual Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest Winners!



On Tuesday, April 22nd the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal and the NH Fire Prevention Society celebrated the talent of 14 3rd grade students for their artistry and important fire and life safety message posters at the NH Fire Academy. Guest Speakers included Department of Safety Commissioner, John Barthelmes, Department of Education Commissioner Dr Virginia Barry, NH State Fire Marshal J. William Degan, Deputy State Fire Marshal Rob Farley as well as students, students, families, their teachers and fire

personnel. Students received a certificate, a Junior Fire Marshal Plaque, and a book donated by the National Fire Protection Association. The evening concluded with a Ice Cream Social with Sparky the Fire Dog. Thank you to all who participated in this years contest .

▶▶▶ [Learn more about this contest here](#)

## Current GRANT Opportunities:



### FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program

FM Global believes that the majority of fire can be prevented. FM Global is pleased to offer financial support to organizations working to combat fire. Through our new Fire Prevention Grant Program, fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including:

- ◆ Pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial and institutional facilities
- ◆ Fire and arson prevention and investigation
- ◆ Fire prevention education and training programs.

[READ MORE ►►►](#)

#### Find us on the Web:

[www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/index.html](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/index.html)

It is the mission of the Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to prevent deaths, injury and property loss by promoting a safe fire, building and hazardous materials environment for the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire through education, engineering, investigation and enforcement.



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