

Memorandum

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DATE October 2, 2009

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Delia Jasso (Vice-Chair), Jerry Allen, Tennell Atkins, Sheffie Kadane,
Linda Koop, Ann Margolin, Ron Natinsky, David Neumann

SUBJECT **Public Safety Committee Meeting**
Monday, October 5, 2009, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
1500 Marilla Street, City Hall, Room 6ES, Dallas, Texas 75201

AGENDA

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| Call to Order | Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair |
| 1. Approval of September 24, 2009
Minutes of the Public Safety
Committee Meeting | Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair |
| 2. Depart to Level 1 Green
Tour of Fire Prevention and Safety
Inspection and Life Safety Education Presentation
Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Center
5000 Dolphin Rd.
Transportation and lunch will be provided | Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes
Dallas Fire-Rescue Department |
| 3. Reconvene in 6ES immediately following the tour to adjourn | |

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dwaine Caraway'.

Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr.
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A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney, Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. The contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

The Public Safety Committee meetings are recorded. Agenda materials and audiotapes may be reviewed/copied by contacting the Public Safety Committee Coordinator at 214-670-3246.

Meeting Date: September 24, 2009 (**Special Called**) **Convened:** 9:06 a.m. **Adjourned:** 11:07 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Linda Koop
Ann Margolin
Ron Natinsky

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David M. Kunkle, DPD
Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, DPD
Lt. Herbert Ashford, DPD
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

David Neumann

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Special Called Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for September 8, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **Jerry Allen**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Crime Report**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with a progress report of the police department in crime.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) next years budget (2) non violent crime citywide (3) violent crime (4) rankings based on crime per capita in other cities (5) copper issues (6) BMV (7) domestic violence (8) organized criminal activity (9) residential burglaries and (10) illegal shopping carts.

Follow up: The chair requested a future briefing on Courts and Detention Services index crime.

4. **Crime Reporting Procedures**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview to the Crime Reporting Procedures.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) public education on complaint process (2) number of vehicles registered in City of Dallas (3) number of cases for BMV's (4) public education on reporting crimes (5) cadet involvement and (6) water bill inserts with step by step instructions on completing a burglary report.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Public Safety Committee tour the Dallas Police Department Training Facility.

5. **Mandatory Crime Reduction Program Ordinance**

Convenience Store Ordinance and Goldstar Certification Program

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, Dallas Police Department
Lt. Herbert Ashford, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lt. Ashford provided the committee with an overview to the Mandatory Crime Reduction Program Ordinance, Convenience Store Ordinance and Goldstar Certification Program.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) chapter 125 ordinance (2) store fronts (3) Permit License and Appeal Board (4) instructions on how to apply for Goldstar Program (5) apartment rental registration (6) number of convenience stores participating in program (7) tracking reports (8) public awareness (9) background check (10) ranking list (11) threshold of 10 units and above (12) occupancy rate (13) business burglaries and (14) partnership with apartment associations.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for October 2009**

- a. Dallas Police Department Click-It of Ticket Grant
- b. Authorization of Memorandum of Understanding with Federal Bureau of Investigations
- c. DPD/IRS Agreement for Equitable Sharing from Asset Seizure and Forfeiture for the North Texas Forfeiture Task Force

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no recommendations given for the upcoming agenda items.

7. **Administrative (Police) Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

There were no new police involved shooting investigations pending by IAD.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no recommendations given for the administrative reports.

8. **Public Comments**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee

Memorandum



DATE: October 2, 2009

TO: Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Tour of Dallas Fire-Rescue's Fire Prevention and Safety**

The Public Safety Committee members will tour the Dallas Fire-Rescue's Fire Prevention and Safety on Monday, October 5, 2009. The committee will convene in 6ES at 12:00 p.m. and depart to the vans located at Level 1 (green). The vans will depart no later than 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided. After the tour the committee will reconvene in 6ES as a formality to adjourn, prior to the 2:00 p.m. Housing Committee Meeting.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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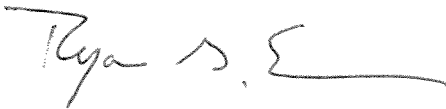


Date: October 2, 2009

To: Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Inspection & Life Safety Education Division

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on the Inspection & Life Safety Education Division on Monday, October 5, 2009.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

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Inspection & Life Safety Education Division



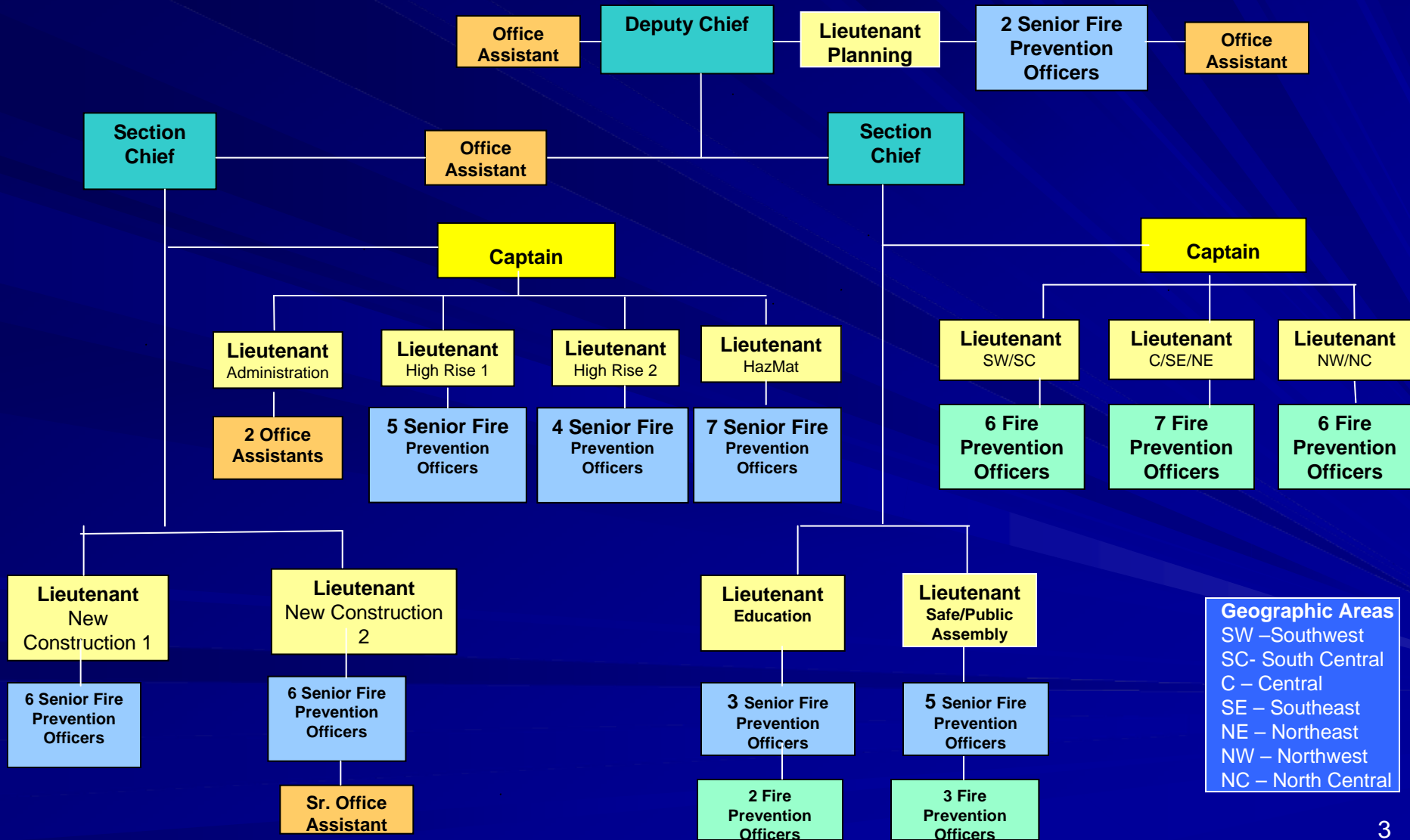
**Dallas Fire-Rescue
Department**
October 5th 2009



The purpose of the briefing is to provide an overview of the Inspection and Life Safety (I&LSE) Division to highlight:

- Organization
- Resources
- Inspection Activities
- Education Activities
- Accomplishments

Inspection & Life Safety Education Division



Occupancy Inspection Schedule

- Immediate
 - Complaints
- As Needed
 - New Construction (fire alarm and sprinkler tests)
 - General Requests/Smoke Detectors/Education Programs
 - Special Events
 - Trade shows

Occupancy Inspection Schedule (cont.)

➤ Annual

- State Licensed Facilities
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Public Assembly Occupancies
- Hotels/ Motels
- Schools
- Permitted Occupancies
- Hazmat Occupancies
- Airports
- Malls (Core annually & special systems)

Inspections and Operations Unite

- Inspectors assist Operations with inspections/complaints
- Field Lieutenants direct liaison with the fire stations
- Collaboration between Strategic Customer Service Area Coordinators and Field Lieutenants
- Inspectors operate out of 2 field offices at Stations 40 and 42



Field Inspections

- Inspect Life Safety Systems
- Inspect for Fire Code Violations
- Investigate Citizen Complaints
- Maintain Fire Lane Compliance
- Check for Appropriate Certificate of Occupancy
- Issue Fire Permits When Applicable



Field Inspections include:

- General Business
- State Licensed Facilities
 - Daycares
 - Assisted living facilities
- Hotels and Motels
- Schools
 - Public
 - Private
- Public Assemblies
 - Night Clubs
 - Bars
 - Restaurants
 - Theatres
- Multi-family dwellings

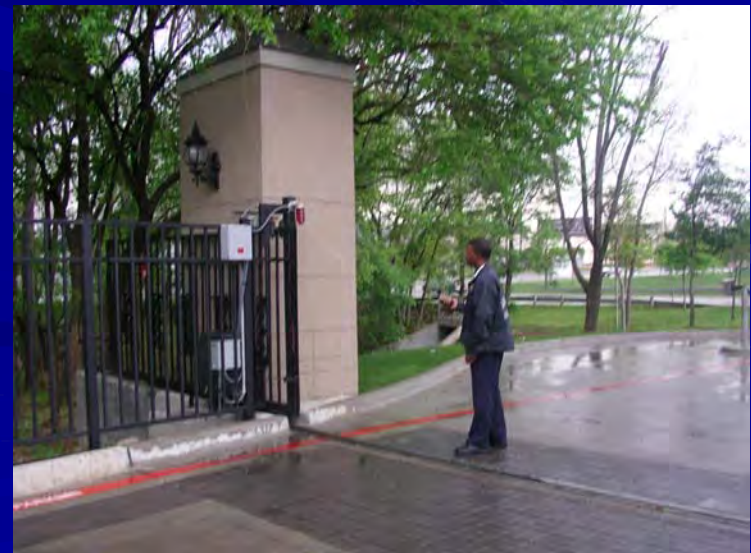


Multi-family Dwellings



- 3,877 multi-family properties
- 38,088 buildings
- 257,914 units
- Check fire lanes and gates
- Check Fire Department access

- Test Smoke Alarms
- Investigate Complaints
- Approval of chemical storage
- Issue permits for hot work



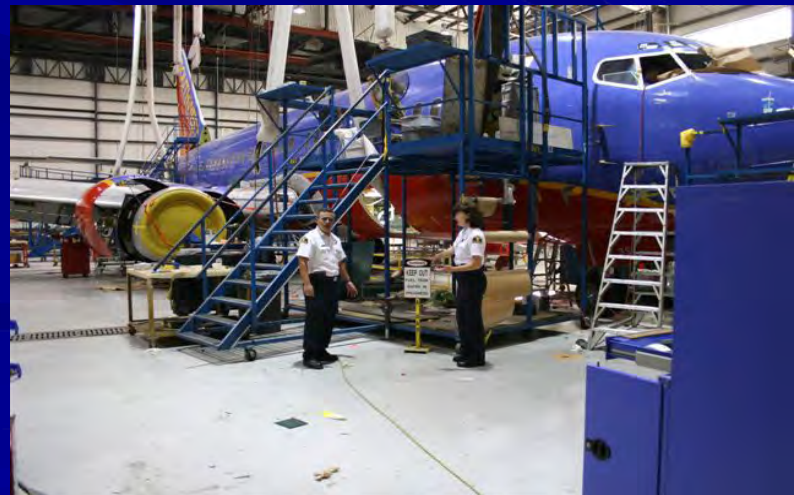
Task Forces

- Created to emphasize inspecting high risk occupancies
- Goal is to inspect these facilities alternating years
- Task forces
 - Hazardous Materials
 - High Rise



Haz-Mat and Airports

- Inspect Hazardous Materials Facilities
- Inspect Aboveground/Underground Flammable Liquid Storage Tanks
- Inspect Spray Paint Booths
- Issue Hazardous Materials Permits



High Rise Buildings



- 468 High Rise Buildings
- Review Fire Safety Plans and Conduct Fire Drills
- Inspect and Test Life Safety Systems

New Construction

- Testing Life Safety Systems:
 - Automatic Sprinkler
 - Fire Alarm
 - Elevators



- Check for Fire Department Access
- Testing of Electronic Egress Devices
- Testing of Emergency Generators

Tradeshows, Conventions and Special Events



- Check Emergency Exits
- Check for Overcrowding
- Inspect Life Safety Systems
- Monitor Pyrotechnic and LPG Displays



Hospitals and Nursing Homes

- 1 inspector assigned to inspect these 111 facilities



- Inspect Annually
- Investigate Complaints
- Check Life Safety Systems
- Issue Appropriate Permits



Smoke Alarm Installations

- Free to single family and duplex homes in the City of Dallas
- Smoke alarms have tamper proof 10 year lithium batteries



National Fire Statistics*

- In 2008, 403,000 fires or 78% of all structure fires occurred in residential properties
- Every 22 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. A fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 61 seconds, and in particular a residential fire occurs every 78 seconds
- An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms
- You have a 50% greater chance of surviving a home fire if you have a working smoke alarm

*as per the National Fire Protection Association

Dallas Fire Statistics

- Top fire death causes in Dallas
 - electrical
 - combustibles too close to heat source
 - careless smoking
- Fire deaths in Dallas continue to decline
 - FY 04-05, 17 fire deaths
 - FY 05-06, 12 fire deaths
 - FY 06-07, 12 fire deaths
 - FY 07-08, 11 fire deaths
 - FY 08-09, 10 fire deaths



Public Education



Education Is The Key To Prevention

- Special programs target children
- New program designed to educate fire and life safety for seniors, our fastest growing population
- Career day programs teach teens about life in the fire service
- Partnerships include Leadership Dallas, Center for Disease Control, Injury Prevention Center and The Meadows Foundation



The Fire Safety House

- Children under age 5 are 1½ times as likely to die in a home fire as the average person
- Children are taught to crawl low under smoke, have two ways out from their bedroom, meet their family at their special meeting place and to call 9-1-1



Sparky Teaches Children About 9-1-1

- The Sparky Puppet Show is an interactive program used to teach the young child about the dangers of fire
- Children learn about calling 9-1-1 for emergencies only
- Sparky reminds children not to play with matches or lighters
- Recently added lessons about our new “All Hazards Approach” to teach children about life safety



Risk Watch Injury Prevention Program

- Risk Watch targets 1st and 2nd grade students in public and private schools in west and south Dallas

WELCOME TO NFPA's

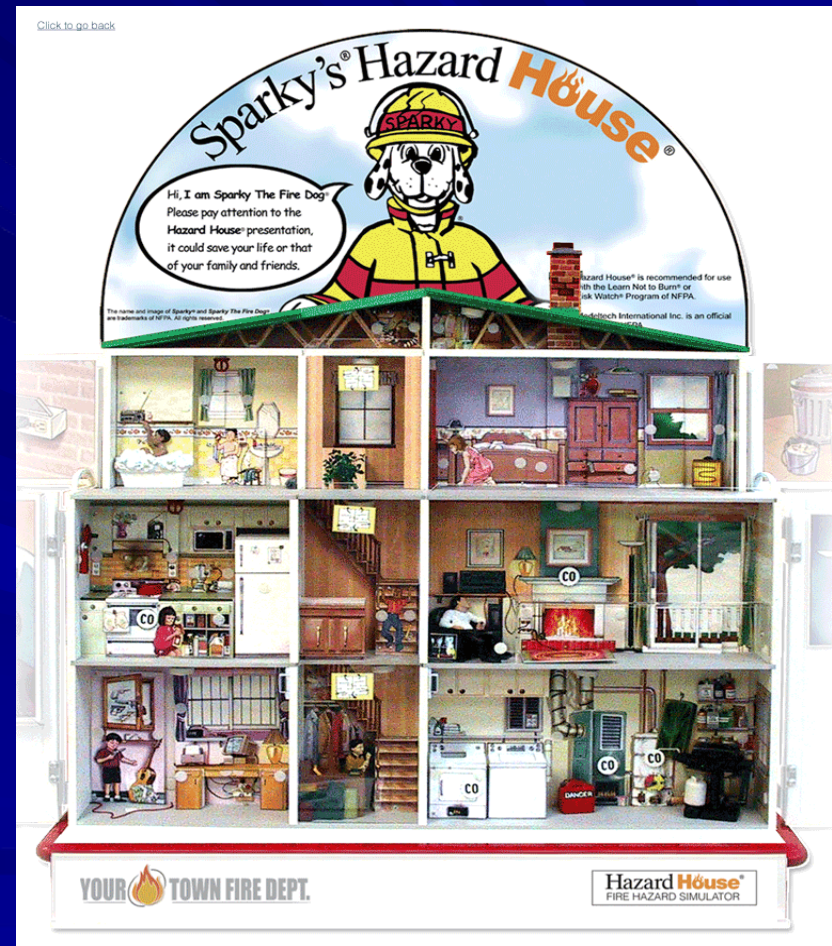


- Teaches:
 - Fire & Burn Prevention
 - Poisoning Prevention
 - Motor Vehicle Safety
 - Choking, Suffocation & Strangulation Prevention
 - Falls Prevention
 - Bike & Pedestrian Safety
 - Firearms Injury Prevention and Water Safety

Hazard House

➤ One of our newest additions is Sparky's Hazard House. This interactive tool addresses multiple household hazards including:

- Electrical Hazards
- Flammable & Combustible Storage
- Carbon Monoxide
- Smoke/Fire Hazards
- Choking/Strangulation
- Firearms



Fire Extinguishing Training

- Adults practice putting out a real fire
- Teaches the classes of fire and different types of extinguishers
- Program is not conducted during ozone alert days



Fire Prevention Month 2009

- National Fire Protection Association has named “Stay Fire Smart, Don’t Get Burned” as the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Month
- October’s water bill will include a special fire safety message: “*Stay Fire Smart, Don’t Get Burned! Be a Good Example. Practice Fire Safety With Your Children.*”



“Smoke Signals” Life Safety Newsletter

➤ New life safety newsletter is free and mailed electronically in PDF form in both English and Spanish each quarter

➤ By updating newsletter each quarter, the changing fire and life safety hazards can be addressed with each season

➤ Recipients can print and distribute newsletter or forward as an email to their staff, tenants or other interested parties

-Neighborhood Associations

-Housing Associations

-City Departments



Smoke Signals
A Life Safety Newsletter

Volume 1, Issue 3
Summer 2009

City of Dallas

Bicycle Safety

Summer vacation means more outdoor activities and children who love riding their bikes. Keep yours safe with these tips:

- Require children to wear helmets every time they ride their bike.
- Ride bikes only in safe areas and never at night.
- Children should walk, not ride a bike across the street, and cross only with a grown-up.
- Children under 10 years-old should ride on side walks or safe areas only like a bike path. Teens may ride in the street, riding with traffic, after they learn the rules of the road.
- Teach children how to cross the street. Stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left then right, then left again for moving cars. Wait until the street is clear; keep looking left and right until you have safely crossed the street.

Electrical Fires

Currently the most common cause of residential fires in Dallas are extension cords and overloaded outlets. Do not use an extension cord for more than 90 days and avoid overloading outlets. Only plug one high wattage appliance into each receptacle at a time.

Unattended Cooking

More residential fires begin in the kitchen than in any other part of the home. Monitor your oven and stove carefully. Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, towels or curtains away from your stove.

Incorrectly Discarded Smoking Materials

If you smoke, smoke outside and make certain cigarette butts and ashes are completely out before discarding them—especially during these hot dry months when the fire danger is high. Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.

Playing with Fire

Preschoolers and kindergartners are most likely to start fires when playing with matches and lighters. **And are most likely to die in them.** Never use matches or lighters as a source of amusement—children may imitate you. Use only lighters designed with child resistant features. If you know of a juvenile who has exhibited tendencies to start fires, call 214-670-4312. Our Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program can help you.

Combustibles near a heat source

While space heaters are not in use during hot weather, other heat sources are still a concern. Every home has “combustibles” which are objects capable of igniting and burning. Be careful to keep them at least 3 feet away from any heat source. Never leave a candle burning unattended and monitor your kitchen appliances that generate heat. Grills on apartment balconies are not allowed unless they are 10 ft. from any combustibles including roofs and overhang.

Water Safety

Swimming is a great way to stay cool, but be safe. **This year in Texas the number of child drownings had already reached 50 before the start of Summer.**

- Make sure pools are enclosed on four sides with a fence at least 5 feet high with self-closing and latching gates.
- Drains in pools should have anti-entrapment drain covers.
- Children should always swim under the supervision of an adult. Every child over the age of three should have swimming lessons.
- Children using air-filled swimming aids should always be supervised by an adult within arm's reach.

Publication No. 08-09-98

Does your home have a working smoke alarm?

If your home does not have a working smoke alarm, please call 3-1-1. Dallas Fire-Rescue will be happy to install a smoke alarm for you!

I&LSE Accomplishments For FY 08-09

- Installed over 7,000 smoke alarms free to the citizens of Dallas
- Created new fire and life safety program for senior citizens
- Created new life safety newsletter sent electronically to the public free of charge
- Expanded Risk Watch program into more schools including charter and private schools

Accomplishments (cont.)

- Participated in large public events
 - Mayor's Back to School Fair
 - Veteran's Day Parade
 - Fire Rescue-International Chief's Convention
 - National Night Out
 - Citizens Emergency Response Team Training
 - Numerous health and safety fairs

Questions?

