

FP & S 2009: Project SAFE—Surviving a Fire Emergency

Project SAFE—Surviving a Fire Emergency—will provide the most at risk city residents with door-to-door installation of 10-year smoke detectors, with a fire/life safety assessment, and with educational information. The target audience lacks the initiative and resources to install working smoke detectors and seek life-safety education, yet experiences the highest incident rates within the city. Implementation of Project SAFE focuses on the most vulnerable population in order to reduce casualties and fire loss. Project SAFE will enable the residents in this area of high-call volumes to better care for themselves. First responders will then be at less risk of going into life-threatening situations trying to save citizen lives. The goal is to reduce injury and loss-of-life from fire in the residences involved with this program.

This program will reduce injury and loss-of-life by providing smoke alarms for those who can't or won't, and will educate residents about safety in their homes. On 6 different dates, 8 teams will install 10-year smoke detectors in 250 homes. 10-year batteries will be placed in existing detectors under 2 years old, and strobe/bed-shaker alarm kits will be installed for the hearing disabled. Mailers and door hangers will notify high-risk residents about the opportunity to call and schedule installation and education. Teams will use scripted guides and standardized instructions. Residents must sign a waiver. SAFE provides life-saving equipment for the next 10 years, as well as educational tools to re-use, re-read, and share. Evaluation/data-collection measures are in place.

FP & S 2009: WCSD Fire Prevention & Awareness Regional Cooperative

Through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, the Northern Region of the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada (FPAN) will provide proactive fire-safety and prevention training to School Incident Response Team members within each school. This program will reduce the likelihood of injury and loss-of-life and property due to fire in the Washoe County School District. At all 123 schools, FPAN will teach SIRT members to recognize fire-safety concerns, operate portable fire extinguishers, and teach general fire safety and awareness to other school staff members. Results will be tracked, and methodology/lessons learned will be shared statewide with the FPAN members among the other 16 school districts in the State for program implementation.

Goal: Reduce injury and loss-of-life and property due to fire in the Washoe County School District by training 1230 School Incident Response Team (SIRT) members within the district. Objectives: Teach SIRT members 1) To recognize and correct basic fire-safety concerns utilizing a school fire/life safety checklist that emphasizes pertinent fire code and district policies; 2) When and how to use a portable fire extinguisher (with emphasis on 100% evacuation first); and 3) To teach basic fire-safety awareness messages to other school-staff members (train-the-trainer). The Fire Prevention Association of Nevada will measure changes in fire prevention and safety knowledge and behaviors, and will share methodology and lessons learned in order to implement the program in other areas of the state.

FP&S 2009: Washoe County Youth Firesetting Intervention

This program enhances intervention and data tracking services for youth and their families who experience firesetting issues. The program uses nationally endorsed methods, incorporating identification, evaluation, education, referral, and assessment. Law enforcement, education, juvenile justice, mental health, and fire service personnel join together to provide both one-on-one and group mentoring. Over 250 youth--referred by juvenile justice, the school district, social services, and individual families—have been assisted in over 2 years of program operation. Volunteers countywide assist an average of seven families during each monthly 2-part class.

Goal: Enhance the intervention and data-tracking program for Washoe County, Nevada youth who exhibit fire-setting behaviors. Objectives overview: Streamline program administrative tasks and implement comprehensive data analysis; increase community awareness and enhance collaborations and partnerships; Increase communication and training of YFS Program Volunteer Staff; and Pursue sustainable funding resources for program continuation.