

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION
IN THE NEWS...

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U.S. Fire Administration
**Accelerant Detection Canines —
Sniffing Out Arson**
National Arson Awareness Week
May 3-9, 2015
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Arson Awareness Week: ADC—Sniffing Out Arson

The theme for this year's Arson Awareness Week, held May 3-9, 2015, was Accelerant Detection Canines – Sniffing Out Arson. The week began with Governor Hassan issuing a proclamation, declaring the week as Arson Awareness Week in the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire currently has two accelerant detection canine teams. Molly, who works with handler District Chief Stacey Dubois of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and Wynett, who works with Deputy Fire Marshal Mitch Cady of the Manchester Fire Department. Both teams spent the week participating in various events around the state to highlight the value and contribution accelerant detection canines make to the fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and communities throughout the State of New Hampshire. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office would like to **extend a special thanks** to the following for their participation, assistance and/or invitation to participate in their events:

- Manchester Fire Department
- NH Fire Academy
- Thomas Murray and K9 Keegan of the Boston Fire Investigation Unit
- Safe Kids 500
- Woodsville High School
- Merrimack Police Department

FMO K9 Molly



MFD K9 Wynett



FM Degnan Reading the Proclamation



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Healthy Home Conference Opportunities

New Hampshire HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE

Building Partnerships Between Health, Housing, Safety, Energy & Family Service Providers

2-Day Essentials for Healthy Homes Training June 23 & 24 - Bedford NH

If you visit homes to provide health, energy, family services or housing inspections of any type, you will benefit from the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners Course. This 2-day training will help you understand the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems, which threaten the health and wellbeing of residents. Every home visitor attending will gain insight into how housing and health are related and actions they can take to improve the well-being of their clients. This two-day course brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences in a series of exercises - keeping the training lively and engaging.

The training complements hazard-specific training in lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos. It identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing: keep it dry; keep it clean; keep it pest-free; keep it ventilated; keep it safe, avoid contaminants; and maintain the house. Course participants will have a better understanding of how to collaborate to make healthy homes a reality in their community.

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The 5th Annual New Hampshire Healthy Homes Conference will be held on Tuesday October 27, 2015 at the Grappone Marriott Conference Center

The annual Healthy Homes Conference is the region's best opportunity to learn about housing and the impact on health and to understand what resources are available to make a difference in the lives of New Hampshire citizens. If you are looking to make stronger connections outside of your regular partners, this 1-day conference is a valuable resource that you can't miss. This conference brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences guarantees the day lively and engaging.

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American Red Cross

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The American Red Cross is ready to partner with your fire department and support your efforts to distribute and install residential smoke alarms.

Too many residential fires and carbon monoxide incidents in NH result in fatalities because the homes are not protected with working alarms. The American Red Cross Volunteers are trained and ready to work hand in hand with local fire departments to distribute alarms. They will work with families on individual preparedness by going over evacuation plans and building their 'preparedness kit'. For more information contact:



American Red Cross

NH/VT Region
 2 Maitland Street
 Concord, NH 03301
 603 225-6697 or 1-800-464-6692

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 3rd Annual Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest Winners!



On April 8th the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society celebrated the winners of our statewide 3rd grade fire and life safety poster contest with a ceremony and celebration. Sparky greeted the students and families as they arrived. Each student was presented a certificate, specially designed Junior Fire Marshal Plaque, and two children's books. Following the ceremony everyone was treated to a pizza party with pizzas donated by Papa Gino's. 300 posters were collected from schools around the state. Winning posters were from elementary schools in New Ipswich, Hudson, Laconia, and Pittsfield.

Guests included 3rd grade students, their families, teachers, fire personnel and special guests. The special guests who were on hand to congratulate the students were: Department of Safety Commissioner: John Barthelmes, Department of Education Commissioner: Dr. Virginia Barry, Office of the State Fire Marshal: Marshal J. William Degnan, NH Fire Prevention Society, President: Stephen Gallagher.

Winning posters will be the graphics for the new Fire and Life Safety 2015-2016 School Year Calendar. If you would like some calendars for distribution at your station and to deliver to the 3rd grade students in your community contact Mary MacCaffrie at mary.maccaffrie@dos.nh.gov.



New Hampshire Falls Conference:

Falls Prevention: Keeping Older Adults Moving JUNE 11, 2015 SERESC Conference Center, Bedford NH

This program will focus on the benefits of activity for adults at risk of falling and how to encourage activity in all at-risk individuals, including those with complicating conditions such as mental illness, dementia, or Parkinson's Disease.



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