



Professional Fire Fighters Wisconsin Charitable Foundation

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FREE Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program 22nd Annual Edition

Greetings,

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is proud to again partner with the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in producing our 22nd Annual Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program. This program helps save lives and property. In fact, fire deaths have been cut in half and more remarkably, fire deaths among children 14 years and younger have been reduced by more than 80% over the last 30 years. We need your help as there is still more work we can do to create a fire-safe and burn-free Wisconsin. Please consider utilizing this program in your classrooms by ordering print copies for your school, fire department, or community organization in time for Fire Prevention Week, October 6th, 2019.

Our Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program is also available digitally on our website www.pffwcf.org. This lifesaving educational newspaper is useful for kids of all ages. We are opening this year's program to anyone that can utilize it. In the past, we have worked with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on certification to meet state health and relate to state science curriculum standards for 4th – 8th grade students. This year our program is recommended for use in public schools by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as a course of study to prevent fires. We are able to offer this program free of charge thanks to the generous support of people and organizations that share our mission, vision, and values to create a fire-safe and burn-free Wisconsin through education.

This 16-page publication features life-saving lessons about fire safety, the science of fire, and burn prevention to save lives, reduce injuries, and save property. The content for this newspaper is produced with help from subject matter experts and will provide impactful and engaging lessons to all readers. With the energy of Wisconsin's talented educators, fire service professionals, and community leaders this information gives our children the knowledge and understanding they need to protect themselves, their friends, and their families from fire and burns.

As part of this year's Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program, we are happy to provide the following:

- FREE digital and print copies (preorder required to receive print copies) for your school, fire department, and community organization.
- Interactive classroom, online, and take-home activities.
- More than \$5,000.00 in teacher essay and student poster contest awards.

This program has been internationally recognized for educating students and their families to prevent disaster in their lives due to fire. Please consider utilizing this information to help save lives and ensure the continued success of this year's program by distributing the newspapers, utilizing the material with your other fire safety efforts, and by sending it home with people to share with their households. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to fire safety.

Yours in fire safety,

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July 31, 2019

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
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Dear Superintendent Stanford Taylor:

The purpose of this letter is to comply with s. 101.14(1)(c) Wis. Stats, regarding providing a form of a course of study in fire prevention for use in the public schools, dealing with the protection of lives and property against loss or damages as a result of preventable fires to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Listed below you will find web links for fire prevention and related safety materials organized by the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation Inc (PFFWCF). While the list is not all-inclusive, it includes content from the nation's best contributors and includes a variety of fire prevention topics:

- 22nd Annual Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program will be available on www.pffwcf.org as soon as it is ready
- The direct link to the Fire Safety and Prevention section is found at <https://pffwcf.org/fire-safety-prevention-smoke-alarm-fire-sprinkler/>

Teachers do not have to feel alone when preparing a fire safety message for their students. All fire departments in the State are required to provide public fire education services within the communities they serve. Supplemental resource materials and on-site programs may be available by contacting the fire department serving each community.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any additional questions relating to the subject of fire prevention, please feel free to contact me or one of our fire prevention coordinators for assistance.

Yours for Better Fire Prevention,

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