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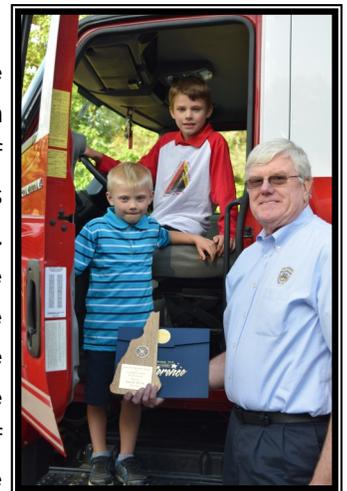
STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S AWARD of EXCELLENCE in FIRE & LIFE SAFETY



The NH State Fire Marshal's Office is pleased to announce a new Public Education Award Program. The **State Fire Marshal's Award of Excellence in Fire & Life Safety** program will recognize students in grades pre-kindergarten through high school that do an outstanding act in the area of fire and life safety that benefits the lives and wellbeing of those around them. Anyone who observes or hears about a student(s) and their heroic actions during a fire and/or other life threatening emergency can nominate a student by filling out an application. Once an application is received, it will be put through an acceptance process. Should the nomination be approved, the student will be recognized by the NH State Fire Marshal at a local fire department or an agreed location. We look forward to recognizing these students, their actions and sharing their stories with citizens throughout the State so they hear of the importance of fire and life safety education.

FIRST AWARD RECIPIENT:

On Wednesday, June 22nd Marshal Degnan presented our first recipient with the **State Fire Marshal's Award of Excellence in Fire & Life Safety** to nine year old Isaiah Blais. On Wed, May 25th at approximately 3:55am, Isaiah awoke to the smell of smoke and the sound of smoke alarms going off in his home. Upon looking out his bedroom window, Isaiah saw flames coming from the garage below. Instantly, Isaiah put his acquired fire and life safety education and family's escape plan immediately into action by waking his brother and meeting his parents at the front door where they proceeded to exit the home. Together they awaited the arrival of the New Ipswich Fire Department from their meeting spot at the end of the driveway. Shortly upon the arrival of the first due engine the floor on that side of their house collapsed. If it were not for Isaiah's fast action the outcome could have been much worse.



Additional information can be found on our [website](#) or attached to this email. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Nielsen at Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov.



6th Annual NH Healthy Homes Conference

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Grappone Conference Center Courtyard by Marriot,
Concord, NH

Standard Registration Fee: \$50.00
 includes two meals

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 shouldn't be missed. This conference brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences guaranteed to make the day lively and engaging.

This conference, with such a diverse cross section of home visitors, offers the opportunity for New Hampshire to assess where we are, build and strengthen our partnerships, and realign our priorities for moving "One-Touch" Health Home initiatives forward. Conference participants will have a better understanding of how to collaborate to make healthy homes a reality in their community.

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REMEMBERING WHEN SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

NFPA is committed to helping communities reduce fire and fall injuries and deaths among older adults through the *Remembering When Program*™. Your fire department personnel can strengthen their partnerships with this community team outreach program. The NFPA will select teams from up to 25 communities to attend the 2016 *Remembering When* Scholarship Conference in San Antonio, TX, November 14-16. Chosen participants will receive training to reach older adults through group presentations and home visits. Scholarship deadline: August 15, 2016. Applications will be taking on a first come first serve basis and award recipients will be notified by August 21st.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 4th Annual Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest Winners!



The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society celebrated the winners of our statewide 3rd Grade **Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest** with a ceremony and celebration. Sparky the Dog was there to greet the students and their families as they arrived. Each student was presented a certificate and a specially designed Junior Fire Marshal plaque. Following the ceremony, everyone was treated to a pizza party donated by Papa Gino's. Winning posters were from elementary schools in Hudson, Laconia, Londonderry and Plaistow.

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: State Fire Marshal: J. William Degnan; Department of Safety Commissioner: John Barthelmes; Department of Education School & Facility Administrator: Amy Clark; and Senator Molly Kelly. During the evening ceremony, Senator Kelly received an award in recognition of her dedication to improving fire education in our NH schools with legislation enhancing school inspections.

Winning posters are the graphics for the new Fire and Life Safety 2016-2017 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.

2016 New Hampshire Fire Service Symposium

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Save the Date: NH Fire Service Symposium, November 3, 2016
at the **Grappone Center**



Once again, the symposium will have content based on feedback received from previous events. This year's morning session is titled "**What if Your Department Has To Deal With?**" A Speakers' Panel will address several contemporary topics that most if not all Fire Chiefs / Command Staff Officers will encounter during their career. The afternoon session is titled "**Active Shooter! Any Time / Any Place – Does Your Department Have A Plan?**" We are honored to have Paul Hewitt, Chief of the Park City Utah Fire Department who will discuss the Trolley Square Mall incident in Salt Lake City that occurred in 2007. At the conclusion of the symposium, each agency represented will receive "a free copy" of sample policies and procedures for their reference.

We encourage all Fire Chiefs and Command Staff Officers, to attend this very important event. In addition to the discussion of important information, the symposium will provide excellent networking opportunities for fire departments of all size and scope. *Breakfast and lunch will be provided and there is **no cost**.* Seating is limited to the first 120 registrants.

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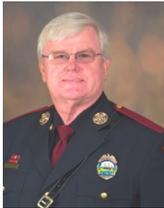
New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society

New Hampshire Chapter of the
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.



The NH Fire Prevention Society is organized to be the voice of Life Safety in the State of NH. The purpose of the organization is to unite, for mutual benefit, the members of the Society engaged in fire prevention and code enforcement and to promote cooperation and assistance among interested groups through education and communication. Please check out their website and consider becoming a member.

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This newsletter is compiled by the Public Education Division of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office with the intent to provide Fire & Life Safety Educators throughout the state with information that may assist them in educating their community and to provide educational opportunities to further ones' knowledge and provide networking opportunities. Please take a moment to read through the information, forward and post throughout your department. If you wish to be added to the distribution of this newsletter please email Sheryl Nielsen at Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov.

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We thank you for your continued support and efforts in creating a safer and more educated New Hampshire.