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Upcoming Public Education Committee Meetings

Minnesota Fire & Injury Prevention Group

Meeting at Excelsior Fire Department on March 4 at 10 a.m.

For more information on this group, please contact [Shelby Wolf](#), West Metro Fire, or [John Babin](#), Savage Fire.

Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association Public Education Committee

Meeting at the Fire History Museum on April 8 at 10 a.m..

For more information on this group, please contact [Connie Forster](#), SBM Fire.

College Fire Safety Group

Meeting at Savage Fire Station 61 at 1 p.m. on March 23. For more information on this group, please contact [Becki White](#) or [John Babin](#).

NFPA Conference & Expo Scholarships

NFPA is awarding up to 30 scholarships for fire and life safety educators to attend the NFPA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas this June.

The scholarship covers:

- Conference registration
- Three nights lodging
- Some meals

You will be responsible for:

- Airfare
- Some meals
- Miscellaneous expenses

Don't delay – only 30 scholarships are available. Download the [application](#) and return it to NFPA by March 19, 2010.

Great Resource for Fire Safety Information

Captain Zwaschka from North Mankato Fire passed along this great resource for fire educators. Merlot Fire Safety Portal provides teaching tips, resources, links and classroom materials. Check it out at firesafety.merlot.org.



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Home Safety Council Updates Education Website

MySafeHome.org tour re-launches with new visuals and expanded resources. The new MySafeHome.org tour features improved animation and panoramic qualities to help visitors learn how to identify and fix home hazards as they explore each area of the virtual home. Room makeovers will continue throughout the year, so visit often to keep up with the latest updates! Visit

www.mysafehome.net.

The Home Safety Council also offers a wealth of free tools to help educators with their community safety campaigns. Check out these programs on their site www.homesafetycouncil.org.

- ◆ [Protect local preschoolers from fires and burns](#)
- ◆ [Join the Home Safety Council Expert Network](#)
- ◆ [Download materials from the Home Safety Literacy Project](#)
- ◆ [Download fire sprinkler resources](#)
- ◆ [Review the latest fire prevention and safety education resources](#)



Educational Messages Advisory Committee

The Educational Messages Advisory Committee meets annually to review NFPA's fire safety education messages and provide recommendations to NFPA public education staff for updates. The messages are used throughout NFPA's educational programs, curricula and handouts; they also provide fire and life safety educators with accurate, consistent language for use in public education. Each topic area is self-contained, with all the information needed on a certain subject provided within that category. As a result, some messaging may be repeated throughout topic areas. To review the current messages visit the [NFPA website](#).

NEW! Comments are now being accepted on NFPA fire safety education messages. [Submit comments](#) by May 14.

- [Regulations governing education messages](#)
- [Committee action on proposed changes](#)

Group Purchasing Options

Hazard House

Modeltech International, Inc. will provide a group discount for departments interested in purchasing a [hazard house](#). They are willing to waive the shipping and handling charges, which are normally \$300. If your department is planning to order a hazard house between February and May please contact Connie Forster, SBM Fire at cforster@sbmfire.com for more information.

CO Alarms

The Minnesota Safety Council continues to work with Minnesota fire departments to provide CO alarms for community outreach/education efforts through a group-purchase program. Through this program, the Minnesota Safety Council provides the top rated **Kidde Nighthawk Premium Plus** CO alarms at significantly reduced prices. Fire departments interested in participating in this group CO alarm purchase program should contact Erin at the Minnesota Safety Council at 1-800-444-9150 or petersen@minnesotasafetycouncil.org.



Upcoming Training



The Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division is providing firefighter training throughout the state in conjunction with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust's 2010 Safety & Loss Control Workshops.

The League's workshops, which will be offered during March and April, include the following sessions:

- Protect the Protectors** — Discuss Minnesota firefighter injury trends and talk about solutions. Learn about the new Rescue Lift, designed to increase firefighter safety by reducing patient handling.
- Fireground Safety: 10 Frequent Mistakes, 10 Best Practices** — Based on evaluations of near-miss and line-of-duty death reports, this program explores 10 frequently made mistakes on the fireground and 10 best practices you can apply to improve fireground safety.
- Avoiding Fireworks over Fireworks** — Local government is responsible for issuing permits for public fireworks displays. Explore the permit process, statute requirements, the State Fire Code, and national standards.
- Contracts: Can You Put That In Writing?** — Cities often enter into contracts to provide fire protection for other municipalities. Learn what to include in these contracts and how the city can protect itself. Review the latest League of Minnesota Cities Model City/Township Fire Contract and the Minnesota DNR Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement.

The cost for the workshops is only \$20 and includes lunch and materials. To learn more about the firefighter track, or to register, visit the [League website](#).

Youth Fire Prevention Training

The Youth Fire Prevention Program is developed and presented by Fireproof Children for the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research & Education Foundation, funded by a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. Train-the-trainer workshops will be delivered in the ten FEMA regions.

This one-day training is designed to:

- Mobilize community resources
- Provide best practices
- Address the most current issues
- Be highly interactive



Get more information about the National Association of State Fire Marshals training at the [NASFM website](#).

We're looking for departments to feature on Facebook!



Each week the State Fire Marshal Facebook page features a Minnesota fire department, posting pictures of training, public education, trucks, or events. If you would like to be a **featured department**, send your pictures to dps.facebook@state.mn.us.

Become a fan of the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division! Hundreds of others have already found us. Just enter [MnDPS_SFM – State Fire Marshal](#) in the Facebook search box.

If you have creative ideas for content, photos or other materials you would like to submit for the page, please send them to: dps.facebook@state.mn.us.