

Subject:	FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION
Section:	PPG# 3600
Chapter:	Community Relations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** The district will provide for a flow of information to the citizens of a community to help them increase their fire safety awareness. All outlets for dissemination of information including neighborhood, ethnic, social and youth groups will be used.

The district may offer consulting and inspection services tailored to best fit the needs of the property owners of the community. The district will develop a plan for reaching people in the homes, stores, institutions, industry and other groups in the community to determine how best to inform each group about the district services performed for them. Citizen cooperation will be sought in cases where the district must enter property for inspections by making sure that the purpose of the inspection is understood.

Means for educating the public regarding fire district services include:

1. **Media.** The district will use such media as newspapers, magazines, newsletters, radio and television stations, and reader boards.
2. **Meetings and Talks.** The district will provide speakers with demonstrations and films for the presentation to community organizations in as large numbers as resources will allow. Such presentations will correspond with the district's current fire safety education objectives.
3. **Public Schools.** The district will contact local schools to ensure that they are adequately supplied with fire prevention information and materials. The district will strive to convince the local schools and school districts to institute such programs, help raise funds for materials and provide a firefighter for classroom visits and assemblies to reinforce program messages.
4. **Job Site Assistance.** The district will encourage and assist industrial and commercial firms, public agencies and institutions in instructing employees in fire-safe practices on and off the job. All workers should have procedures explained to them as to how to use exit facilities and how to turn in a fire alarm.
5. **Fire Prevention Week.** The district will make effective use of the nationally observed Fire Prevention Week, which annually is the full calendar week including October 9th. The Fire Prevention Week campaign provides an opportunity to emphasize the year-round need for attention to fire safety and

calls attention to current district programs such as smoke detectors.

6. **Spring Cleanup.** Spring cleanup campaigns will also be encouraged. The district will make sure that fire safety is emphasized in any general program of home and civic beautification, which is sponsored in the community.
7. **Public Participation.** Residents of the district may participate in selected activities for purposes of becoming more familiar with the operations of the district. Such participation shall not deter from the training operations of district staff. Such participation shall be conditioned upon signing a hold-harmless statement.
8. **Station Tours.** The public is encouraged to become familiar with the facilities/equipment of the district. Individual or group tours may be scheduled Monday-Friday. Such tours may be interrupted when it is necessary for staff to respond to emergencies.
9. **Blood Pressure Checks.** Staff are trained to check the blood pressure of citizens. Such readings may be taken Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.