



City of Madison Fire Department

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Hands-On Activities Turn to Hands-Off for Fire Prevention Visits

The City of Madison Fire Department's Community Education Unit will kick off its annual Fire Prevention visits to City schools on Monday, September 28 with one notable difference.

While most years find education officers in the midst of hands-on activities and interactive learning, the threat of the H1N1 virus has education officers revising the program to include less physical contact.

“As a public safety agency, we have a responsibility to model best practices in every area of health and safety,” said Fire Marshal Ed Ruckriegel. Ruckriegel oversees the Department's Prevention Division.

Community Education Officers consulted with both the School District and the Public Health Department in determining what activities would be appropriate to help prevent the spread of the flu virus.

Fire Prevention week is October 4-10. This year's theme is ***Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned.***

The Department's education officers and firefighters commit several weeks each October to teaching fire safety in elementary schools across the City.

Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday, October 4th with the Dane County Fire Chief's Parade on State St. from 1-3 p.m.

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