



Fire and Safety Education

Kilgore Fire Department

Council presentation

- **Kilgore Fire Department's Core Services (Mission Statement)**
- **Public Education Program**
 - ◆ **Importance**
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 - ◆ **Targeted audiences**
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Fire Department Core Services

Mission Statement: The Kilgore Fire Department is dedicated to protecting lives, property, and the environment through preparedness, prevention, public education, and emergency response with an emphasis on quality services, efficiency, effectiveness, and safety.

→ Life Safety

Fire response, EMS response, Haz-Mat response, Emergency management operations, Maintaining a highly qualified and trained department

Preventions

Pre-fire planning, Construction reviews, Residential rental inspections, Business safety surveys, Public fire and safety education




Importance of fire and safety education

- The primary purpose of fire safety education is to prevent fires from happening and teach strategies that reduce fire deaths and injuries.
- Result of effective fire prevention and safety programs - the trend over the last decade has been:
 - ◆ Lower number of fires
 - ◆ Lower number of fire deaths
 - ◆ Lower number of fire injuries
 - ◆ Lower dollar fire loss
- 4 out of last 5 years - fire loss is down in Kilgore from 2011



Types of public education provided

- Citizens Fire Academy
 - Fire Safety education to schools, daycares, and churches
 - Safety classes for business and churches - CPR, AED, first aid, and fire extinguisher
 - Smoke & CO detector education
 - Health fairs, S.A.F.F.E. Day, and special events
 - City web site & fire department facebook page
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Audiences targeted

- **Children**
- **Seniors**
- **Special needs and disabilities**
- **Schools**
- **Churches**
- **Business**
- **Landlords**
- **Private care facilities**



Audiences reached

Total contacts last 12 months: 23,527

Number of children contacted: 9,382



Future projects

- Explore opportunities to educate high school students:
 - ◆ High school fire classes
 - ◆ High school first aid and EMS classes
 - ◆ High school fire explorer program
- CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) Program
- Expand senior citizen education program



What is this number?

211,207,746

ANSWER: Property dollars saved from fire in Kilgore 2011-2015

