

## YOUR EDUCATION

Your child's education program will take place on Saturday mornings. The program will be a six lesson course. The student will sign a contract agreeing to the rules of the class room and the ramifications of not following the rules.

The student shall be able to demonstrate knowledge of and proper response to the individual lessons that are taught.

### Some of the lessons taught may include:

- Understanding good fires vs. bad.
- Understanding first aid for burns.
- Proper use and storage of matches and lighters and other fire tools.
- Understanding & demonstrating escape from fire.
- Understand & demonstrate stop drop and roll.
- Other appropriate behaviors.



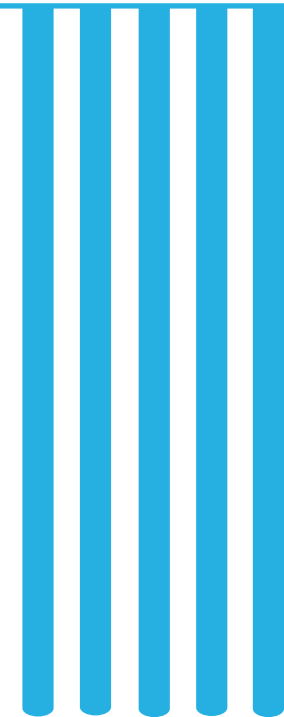
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### HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

There is a Program Coordinator assigned to the District Attorney's Office. All referrals will come through this coordinator.

### NOTIFICATION

Takes place at your local Fire Department by: you as a concerned parent, by your child's school, by a counselor or social worker or by another Fire or Police department.

The coordinator then sets up a family interview. Generally in your home with 2 or 3 trained interviewers who will make an assessment to determine whether treatment, education, or both will be required.

It should be noted that if any crime has been committed, it must be reported and dealt with. Most often court is used only to ensure that your child gets the help that he or she needs.

In addition to the treatment and or education specified to correct the fire setting behavior, the Court may require that you pay restitution for the costs involved in responding to the fire/incident. The Court may also require your child to perform Community Service.

### YOUR INTERVIEW

Your Interview is the 2nd step in the process of fire setting intervention. The interview will take place as soon as possible after the incident by trained individuals who will gather all of the information needed to make an assessment about the best steps to take for your specific situation.

From the confidential interview, we will obtain information that will best help with your assessment, while updating both the County's and the Statewide coalition's data base for the purpose of further analysis of the fire setting problem.

**Note: Your confidentiality is a top priority with the Norfolk FireSense Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program**

### YOUR ASSESSMENT

We will review your interview forms and records, the incident reports and any other information gathered during the investigation, meet again with you to discuss our findings, and then determine a course of action.

If the law has been broken there will be adjudication. If there is evidence of child abuse, sexual abuse, drug abuse, ADHD, ADD, traumatic stress, or any other kind of factors that are influencing the family or the fire setting behavior they too must be referred for treatment.

It may be that the fire setting was an isolated incident and may only require some fire education to change the behavior. In other cases, a 6 week education course may be required. Sometimes along with restitution and / or Community Service.

### YOUR TREATMENT

You should know that there are four basic behavior categories of fire setting. They are curiosity, crisis, delinquent, & pathological. The treatments for these types of fire setting can vary widely and may include:

- One time education in Fire Safety and Prevention.
- Six weeks of education in Fire Safety and Prevention
- Counseling by any number of organizations involved with the program, but specific to your child's assessed needs. *This could even include in patient treatment.*
- Restitution in the form of reimbursement for the cost of the response to the incident and /or the cost of intervention & education.
- Community Service Project
- Any combination of treatments as determined by the assessment team.