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Hampton Fire / Rescue & Police Department offers Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks and Bike Rodeo: **Saturday - May 10, 2008**

Our local community, state, and national leaders kicked off National Child Passenger Safety Week in February and during the week of May 12th Bike Month will take place across our nation. With these two events we have collaborated with the local Police Department to offer our community Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks and Bike Rodeo for:

**Saturday, May 10, 2008
10AM to 2PM**

So mark your calendars! The safety seat checks and bike rodeo will take place at

the town fire station located at 140 Winnacunnet Road.

This is a combined effort to educate parents and caregivers about proper installation and the use of child safety seats and booster seats. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to inspect safety seats to ensure they are correctly installed.

You can also learn safe bike riding instruction, see a demonstration, and complete a bike course. We will also be providing helmet checks for proper use.

The safety trailer will be available for presentations to enhance this day of combined fun for the whole family.

Please come and enjoy the day with light refreshments, helmet and bike raffle giveaways, and more!

If you have any questions contact Fire Inspector Jeffrey LeDuc at 929-1920.

For more information on child passenger safety seats and bike safety visit:

www.nhtsa.dot.gov
www.bikemonth.org

Sign Up for Prevention News

You can have a copy of this newsletter emailed directly to you when it's issued by signing up on our website under **News & Events** at:

www.hamptonfirerescue.com

Special Points of Interest:

Help keep your family safe by checking product recalls and safety news at the Consumer Product Safety Commission website:

www.cpsc.gov

Poison Prevention

Kicked of the week of March 16, 2008. Visit their website for important info concerning poisoning:

www.poisonprevention.org

National Playground Safety Week

April 21-25, 2008

www.playgroundsafety.org

Bike Month

May 12-16, 2008

www.bikemonth.org

National Weather Service Lightning Safety Week

June 22-28, 2008

www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov

Spring Cleaning & Useful Tips

- Keep the roof & rain gutters clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Store flammable materials, liquids and solvents in metal containers outside the home at least 30 feet away from structures & wooden fences.
- Create defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.
- Burning yard waste can be a fire hazard. Check with us for permit requirements and restricted burning times before you burn.
- Always have a hose or extinguisher nearby when burning. Do not burn trash, plastics, painted or treated wood.
- Did you know that chimneys and outdoor fire pits also require a seasonal

permit with the fire department? The permit is *free*. Just call us at 926-3316.



Are You Ready for a Disaster?

Is your family prepared for a disaster? There are many ways to help you and your family prepare for one. Hampton Fire Department helps our community by educating the public on what they should do in an emergency whether it be a fire, hurricane, power outages, etc.

Listed here you will find some useful information regarding plans of action to help you and your family be prepared for almost any type of emergency.

Did you know that fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined? Within two minutes a fire can become life-threatening. In five minutes a home can become engulfed in flames. Our

first edition stressed the importance of having and testing your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Your family should have and practice an escape plan. Make sure you have two ways out of every room! Be prepared and make your plan today.

Disasters strike every region of our country. Be prepared and informed by knowing what disasters could potentially happen locally. In Hampton we have an Emergency Preparedness Guide publication available at both fire stations and the town hall to help assist you in the preparation process. Pick up your copy today because it covers a wide variety of items to help in an emergency. We

also have copies of the 2008 Emergency Public Information Calendars available at each station every year. These are mailed to the local residents within the 10 mile zone of Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant. Fill out the Emergency Help Survey in the back to ensure you or someone from your family who requires special assistance during an emergency is helped. We work with the NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management to maintain this information, but we can't do it without your participation. Remember to update the information as things change.

Home Fire Safety Inspections

Did you know that we offer Home Fire Safety Inspections? Call us today and we can arrange for our department to come to your home. We will help identify areas of potential hazard that should be resolved. Contact Captain William Kennedy or Fire Alarm Operator Cassie Bridle from Group 1 at:

926-3316

Outdoor Cooking

Now that Spring is here and better weather — it's time to consider a few safety steps when cooking with outdoor grills.

Gas and charcoal grills can be fun to cook on. They provide us with delicious foods, but can also be very dangerous. Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is stored in a steel cylinder and is contained under pressure. The contents have the explosive force of several sticks of dynamite.

Now that you are aware of the danger that these cylinders possess. Here are safety precautions that need to be taken in order to avoid accidents this coming season and all year round for those who still prefer to cook during the winter season.



LPG Grills

- Read and use the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not transport the LPG cylinders in the trunk of a

vehicle. A filled cylinder should be transported in the upright position on the floor of a vehicle with all windows open.

- Never leave them in a parked vehicle.
- Use the proper size wrench to ensure all connections are tight.
- Apply a soapy solution to detect leaks.
- Grease should not be allowed to drip on the hose or cylinders.
- Never let children use a gas fired grill.
- Never use them inside any part of a structure.
- Never store any LPG cylinders attached or as a spare inside any part of a structure including porches and balconies.
- Store in a cool shaded area out of direct sunlight.



Charcoal Grills

Even though using a charcoal

grill sound less dangerous, you still need to take the following precautions.

- Never use in an enclosed space. They emit carbon monoxide gas. Even small amounts of this gas can cause injury or even death.
- Once you have started the fire - *never* add starter fluid. It could follow the fluid back to the container, causing an explosion and scattering the liquid.
- Use great caution when disposing of the ashes. They contain live coals and can start a fire if not disposed of properly. It's safest to wet ashes thoroughly with water before emptying the barbecue. Empty into a non-combustible container and store it away from the building.

Remember to follow these precautions and enjoy a safe outdoor grilling season!



CPR

If you are interested in learning CPR contact our department at to find out about upcoming classes.

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