

## Fire Prevention Division

### Burn Aware School Fire Safety Program



The Burn Aware School Fire Safety Program has been presented to more than 28,000 students, annually, since 1985. By the end of the 2007-2009 school years, nearly 40,000 students attending either public or private schools in the City of Fresno will have seen the three fire safety programs. These programs are entitled "Personal Fire Safety" (aka "Stop, Drop & Roll," & "Cool A Burn"), "Exit Drills in the Home" (aka "E.D.I.T.H.") and "Principles of Fire Safety" (aka "Quiz Show".)

These fire safety programs are designed to fit into the typical school day curriculum and are rotated annually. Each program has a specific learning component which allows students to actively participate in the learning process by interacting with each other and the Burn Aware presenter. Presentations are first made in an assembly setting to all first, second and third grade students. A Burn Aware presenter introduces the subject to students followed by a video relating to specific fire safety messages. As the fire safety presentation comes to an end, the presenter will distribute stickers and activity booklets to students to reinforce fire safety lessons learned during the assembly. All fire safety materials distributed to students are provided at no charge.

In March 2006, the Kindergarten Program "Emergency Dial 911" was first presented. This program uses an entertaining, easy-to-understand format to teach children how 9-1-1 can help them in the event of an emergency. The students watch an "Emergency 9-1-1" video, which follows a family of telephones on their adventure to rid their home of danger, injury, and fire. The program also comes with an activity booklet, stickers, bookmark, and a pencil for each student. An estimated 4,000 kindergarten students have participated in this program. Our ultimate goal is to reach every kindergarten classroom within the City of Fresno.

Entertaining and educational fire safety videos have been added to the Department's video library which focuses specifically on children in the fourth and fifth grades. These videos can be used in after school programs and are also available to be checked out by the public.

If you are interested in checking out any of our fire safety videos, please contact the Fresno Fire Department at (559) 621-4181.