

Class Information

The Rhode Island Juvenile Fire Setters program consists of three classes, each about a different fire safety topic. This safety message is reinforced with two mandatory homework assignments.

The classes run from 9am to 12 noon on three consecutive Saturdays.

All 3 classes must be attended and all related work must be completed in order for the juvenile to graduate from the program.

Classes are generally held at Rhode Island Hospital, but virtual classes have also been instituted since Covid.

Contact the JFS Coordinator for details.



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**Juvenile Fire Setters
Program**



“A Fire that never starts can never harm or take the lives of Americans or firefighters.”

**-R. David Paulison
U.S. Fire Administrator**

Children and Fires- The Facts

- ⇒ Nationally, playing with fire is the leading cause of death in residential fires for young children.
- ⇒ At home, children often play with fire in the bedroom – where lots of things catch on fire easily.
- ⇒ Older children frequently play with fire outside the home, at the bus stop, or in vacant lots.
- ⇒ Children are under the false impression that they can control the fires they set.
- ⇒ Many children who set fires lack both parental supervision and fire safety education.
- ⇒ Juveniles account for more than 50-percent of all arson arrests in the United States.
- ⇒ Nationally, children who play with fire cause nearly 80,000 structure fires per year which result in approximately 760 deaths and more than 3,500 injuries.
- ⇒ Juvenile firesetting does an estimated 1.2 billion dollars in damage annually.

What does the Juvenile Fire Setters Program teach kids?



Class topics are:

- Basic Fire Behavior
- Arson & the Law
- Burns & Burn Injuries
- Fire Safety
- Home Fire Escape Planning
- Holiday Fire Safety
- Personal Accountability

What is the Rhode Island Office of the State Fire Marshal?

As a team, the Office of the State Fire Marshal is committed to its mission of creating a fire safe State of Rhode Island through consistent fire code enforcement, rendering suspicious objects safe, bomb disposal, fire investigation and public education.

Who teaches the classes?

Deputy State Fire Marshals in conjunction with local firefighters trained as *Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Specialists*, teach the classes in Rhode Island.