

# Burn Prevention Foundation's Network News

The mission of the Burn Prevention Foundation is to provide burn injury prevention education to and advocacy for those at greatest risk.

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## Local Heroes Honored for Selfless Acts of Bravery



**Partners in Prevention Award winner, Ralph Slider, and BPF Board member, Claude Kohl**



**Spirit of Courage Award winners Robert Morcom, EMT in Honesdale, PA and William Harrison**



**Lt. Derrick Weand and Christopher Stoudt of the Temple Fire Company, Spirit of Courage Award winners**



**Spirit of Courage Award winner, Brian Moore, Firefighter for West Hazleton Fire Department**

On October 6, 2009, over 500 gathered to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award Celebration in a football field size tent against the backdrop of Lehigh Valley Health Network's Muhlenberg campus. A fittingly large American flag suspended by dual aerial fire trucks swayed proudly overhead while local heroes who performed selfless acts to save another from a burn or death by fire were applauded. Nine otherwise ordinary individuals received awards for saving another individual from home or vehicular fires. "I didn't know what to expect when I agreed to attend this event, but I can honestly tell you now that I am overwhelmed and nearly speechless. I assure you that the Professional Firefighters Association will hear about this event and will want to become actively engaged", said David Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer of the PA Professional Firefighter Association.

Partners in Prevention awards were also presented to individuals or groups who share The Burn Prevention Foundation's mission and have done an outstanding job promoting fire safety or burn prevention education. Awardees included Jaqueline Umberger of the Chambersburg Fire Department, The Saucon Valley Fire Safety Coalition and Ralph Slider, retired Deputy Chief of the Allentown Fire Department.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the Phoenix Award to John Capanna, a burn survivor, who sustained burns over 90% of his body from an oil refinery explosion when he was just 20. John held the audience spellbound by his tale of pain, rejection and recovery. John is actively engaged in burn survivor support and peer counseling programs and speaks candidly about his experience.

Gregory Kile, Executive Director and CEO of presenting sponsor Valley Preferred, in response to the event said, "Congratulations to everyone who made this event a success. Once again, a HOME RUN!" A primary mission of Valley Preferred is to promote health and wellness throughout the community. The proceeds of this event support regional burn prevention education and burn survivor support activities.



**Captain Paul Triano, Scranton Fire Department, Spirit of Courage Award winner**



**Phoenix Award winner, John Capanna**

## 2009 School Programs

During the month of October, 2009, every public and private school with children in grade 2-8 once again received our two school programs, "Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool, & Call" (grades 2-5) and "The Great Escape" (grades 6-8). **Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool, & Call** focuses on teaching children what to do if their clothing should catch on fire, as well as appropriate first aid for burns and how to call for help. It includes posters/lesson plan, bookmarks, and a DVD featuring former Philadelphia Eagle all-pro safety, Brian Dawkins. **The Great Escape** teaches children the importance of planning and practicing an escape plan from their home, and includes activity sheets, lesson plan, and a DVD.

With the addition of two new counties to our service area this year (Cumberland and Dauphin), we were able to reach a much larger number of students with these programs than ever before. **Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool, & Call** was mailed to 673 schools, with a total of 152,600 students in grades 2-5. **The Great Escape** was mailed to 525 schools, with over 121,200 students in grades 6-8. Together we have the potential of reaching almost 274,000 students and their families with this life saving information!

For more information on these or other programs provided by the Burn Prevention Foundation, please visit [www.burnprevention.org](http://www.burnprevention.org) or call us at 610-969-3930.

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## Learn About Fire And Burns

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Please visit our brand new interactive website and explore the various activities and teaching told for everyone ranging from children to educators, to fire service professional. Included in the website:



**Hazard hunt** is an interactive learning activity that poses the question, "Can you spot burn and fire hazards in your own home?"



**Surviving Fire** is another interactive role playing game

where the ultimate goal is to safely escape a burning building.



**Learn About Burns** is a set of fire and burn prevention curriculum guides

for children in Preschool through third grade.



**Standards Lessons** We also have an entire set of additional lessons available

for third and fifth graders that correlate directly to the PA Academic standards for education.

These programs are free of charge, and available to anyone with internet access.

## Planned Giving Initiative

Throughout our American history the philanthropic spirit has changed the face of neighborhoods and entire communities. Americans seem to have cultivated and nurtured a brand of generosity that leverages resources and results in an impact that is lasting.

Thanks to this heritage, we are happy to share with you some exciting news. We have launched our new planned Giving Initiative. This program will help all those who consider the cause of the Burn Prevention Foundation their own.

We want each of our friends to know that if they are willing to do some planning ahead of time, they can enjoy tax relief and many times, an increase in income and net worth. A bit of careful planning makes it possible to maximize the impact of charitable intent and multiply your resources at work. Planning a gift today may result in increasing the value of every dollar for you and the Burn Prevention Foundation.

We have partnered with Craig Schafer, CPA, LUTCF, CAP, and Michael J. Seibert, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF of Independence Planning Group to assist us with the implementation of the Initiative.

If you would like more information on a charitable plan that can help you accomplish your objectives, we invite you to call Dan Dillard at 610-969-3930.

## In Memory of Jack Kelly

With heartfelt sympathy and gratitude, we would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Jack F. Kelly, Sr. Jack was a passionate advocate of burn prevention and fire safety, volunteering hours of his time to teach children in local school districts.

Jack served as a volunteer for Western Salisbury Fire Company for 49 years, 36 of those years as Fire Chief. He was the president and founding member of Lehigh County Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Cetronia and Bryn Mawr fire companies.

We thank all those who contributed to the Burn Prevention Foundation in his memory and we are honored to share and continue his mission.

## Fire and Ambulance Membership Drive

Promote fire safety in your community by sponsoring a school of your choice. The school will be notified that they are receiving our *Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool & Call* and *Great Escape* programs thanks to your generosity.

With your \$100 membership you will also receive a master-quality copy of our *Safety Lines* bulletin every three months. For more details, call us at 610-969-3930 or visit our website at [www.burnprevention.org](http://www.burnprevention.org).

## Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Curriculum Package



The Burn Prevention Foundation is proud to present "A Spark of Knowledge", our complete Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Curriculum & Training package. It has also been adopted as the official curriculum for the State of Pennsylvania. The package includes a "Resource Disc", including the complete curriculum, power point presentation, and other programs, and two "Training DVDs" that can be used to train educators. The entire package is available through our website, [www.burnprevention.org](http://www.burnprevention.org).



## Burn Prevention Foundation is Now on FACEBOOK!!!

Become our fan on Facebook and receive regular fire and burn prevention updates and safety tips. Type "Burn Prevention Network" into the search box, click on "Burn Prevention Network". Click on "become a fan" at the top of the page. Please tell your friends to join us too!!

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