



FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

The Department's efforts to improve public awareness about fire safety through education and outreach have been incredibly successful. For the five-year period from 2002-2006, fewer civilians have died in fires in New York City, on average, than in any comparable five-year period on record, dating back to 1916 when record-keeping began. Clearly, the message being spread by the Fire Safety Education Unit has reached more New Yorkers than ever before.

In 2006, the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit conducted 43 percent more presentations and information sessions for the public, community groups and schools than in prior years. In addition to its focus on fire safety education curricula for school-aged children and outreach to elementary schools, the FDNY provided expanded outreach to at-risk populations, such as the elderly and non-English-speaking immigrant neighborhoods.

As part of its efforts to expand fire safety education throughout all New York City communities, the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit is reaching out to more than 5000 New York City public schoolchildren every week. Active and retired Firefighters, based out of the Bureau of Training at Fort Totten, visit three schools a day and make presentations throughout the City four

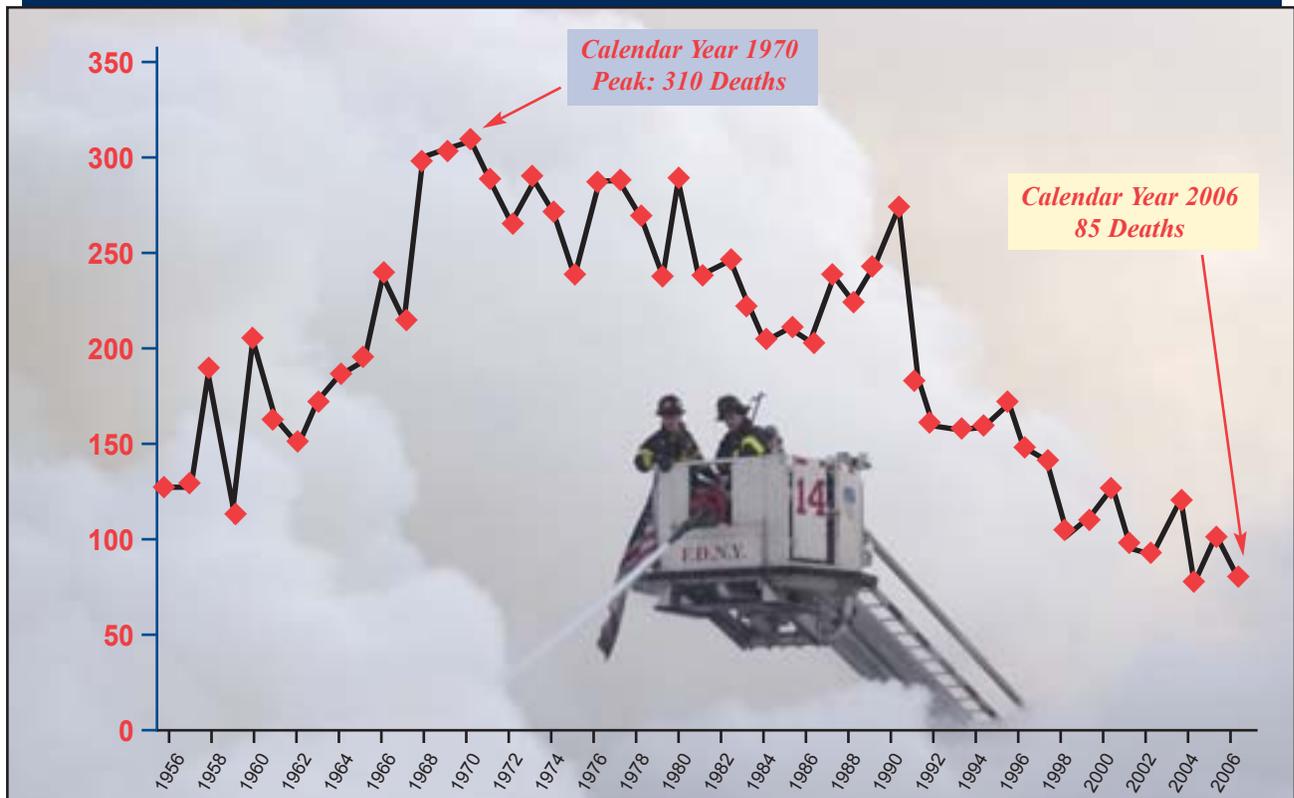
days a week. The program, which is partially funded by the FDNY Foundation, aims to reach almost 200,000 children during the 2006-2007 school year, more than ever before.

The team uses a classroom-by-classroom approach, rather than addressing a large assembly in a school auditorium. When space and time permit, they also bring along the new Fire Safety Experience trailer that enables children to identify common household fire hazards, such as unattended candles and stovetop dangers. For middle school children, the curriculum also includes a trip through the Mobile Fire Safety House (also known as the Smoke House), which is a mocked-down, split-level version of a private home. Infused with theatrical smoke to simulate real-life fire conditions, children can practice effective fire evacuation techniques in a realistic setting.

The mission of the Fire Safety Education Unit and the FDNY Foundation is to save lives by preventing fires. The initiatives described above demonstrate the Department's continuing and expanding commitment to educate everyone in this City about the importance of fire safety, with the goal of further reducing injuries and deaths due to fire.



1955-2005 CIVILIAN FIRE DEATHS IN NEW YORK CITY: 50-YEAR TREND



HEALTH SAFETY EDUCATION

The EMS Bureau of Training continued expansion of the recently launched CPR Citizen Training program, a collaborative effort with the American Heart Association. This program seeks to train average citizens how to save a life by quickly administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation during the first minutes following a heart attack or breathing emergency.

CPR Citizen Training involves the public as the “first link” in the chain of survival to medical emergencies. The aim of the CPR Citizen Training program not only is to instruct people how to correctly administer CPR, but to “train the trainees” with the skills that they can pass along to other members of their family or community.

In Fiscal 2006, the FDNY mobile CPR Training Unit provided direct instruction to 9943 people. With free CPR training kits and videos provided by EMS, these newly trained members of the public, in turn, provided lifesaving instructions to an additional 11,931 people.

