

Saving Lives & Property Through Fun Education

The mission of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is to reduce the worldwide burden of fires and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes, training and standards, research, and education. Under the NFPA's education component, NFPA teaches people of all ages how to make responsible choices regarding health and safety. One of their most important commitments is to give people the knowledge and skills they need to lead safer lives.



From the work of the NFPA, the Navajo Nation Department of Fire & Rescue Services has received 18 Sparky® suits. We would like to distribute these suits to local fire service organizations, community health programs and schools. The suits are comprised of a Sparky® head and gloves. Firefighter protective clothing will be issued along with the Sparky® suit to complete the ensemble.

Within the Navajo Nation, children under the age of 12 playing with matches/lighters are the leading cause of fires on the Navajo Nation, followed by the improper installation of wood stoves. The remoteness of the Navajo Nation makes it almost impractical for the Navajo Nation Department of Fire & Rescue Services to educate all our children in the hazards of fire. With partnerships from other fire departments, community health programs and schools within the Navajo Nation, we can lessen the burden of fire.

To be considered for a Sparky® suit, the agency must assign a coordinator who will attend a three day training program and be able:

- Maintain records on presentations conducted, including student count,
- Care for and maintain the suit,
- Submit records to the Navajo Nation Department of Fire & Rescue Services, and
- Work in collaboration with the Navajo Nation Department of Fire & Rescue Services and their local fire service agency.

If you are interested, submit a letter requesting to be considered for a Sparky® suit and how your program will be meet the requirements established herein. Submit your letter to:

Larry Chee, Fire Chief
Navajo Nation Department of Fire & Rescue Services
PO Box 3360
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (928) 871-6915.