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YFPI Standard Operating Procedure

Purpose and Scope:

1. To identify and educate children and families on the hazards associated with fire-setting
2. Provide them with the skills necessary to prevent future fire-setting incidents
3. Satisfy the community intervention program requirement per program policy

Policy:

The Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention (YFPI) is a program of Youth Violence Prevention Council in partnership with the Shasta Arson Task Force (SATF).

This is a coordinated effort with SATF, whose purpose of memberships is to bring together representation of law enforcement and fire service is to curb the rising incidents of arson and other fire-related **crimes codes** (See page 7-8).

The SATF membership is comprised of the following agencies:

AGENCY
Redding Fire Department
CAL FIRE & Shasta County Fire Department
Cottonwood Fire Protection District
Shasta County Sherriff's Office
Department of Justice
Shasta Lake Fire Protection District
Anderson Fire Protection District
Shasta County District Attorney's Office
Red Bluff Fire Department

Procedure:

SATF members will ensure that all youth ignited fires are appropriately reviewed with proper intervention actions are taken to assist in preventing future fire-setting activity. This will be accomplished by a written incident report referring the youth fire-setter be referred to the YFPI program.

All reports shall be hand delivered to Juvenile Probation at 2680 Radio Lane, Redding, CA 96001. Juvenile Probation will then notify Jas Shaw, YFPI Administrator at 530-244-7194 or fax the **written referral** form to 530-244-4150 for follow up with the youth fire-setter and Juvenile Probation (page 9).

Referrals:

Once the YFPI Administrator has received the referral, contact will be made with the parents/guardians to schedule an intake and assessment appointment. At least one parent/guardian must attend the meeting with their child to decide what appropriate action should be taken. The parent/guardian must agree to help their child and complete the following form (page 10):

1. **YFPI PARTICIPATON AND RELEASE FORM**

Shasta Youth Peer Court:
If the fire-setter is at the age of culpability between 12 and 18 years old, they will be assigned to attend Shasta Youth Peer Court. YFPI utilizes the Peer Court Restorative Justice Model to divert youth out of the Juvenile Justice system by using pro-social peer pressure. Youth are held accountable through a combination of meaningful dispositions including the YFPI Fire Academy which is assigned by a jury of their peers.

Youth Fire-setters under 12 years old:
All youth fire-setters under 12 years old will be assessed by the YFPI Administrator and remain in the program as "Class Only" status. Children under 12 years old will not go through the Shasta Youth Peer Court Process. However, all cases will remain open for four months with an assigned case manager.

Screening:
YFPI utilizes the screening tool developed by FEMA and USFA. The screening tool assesses risk of involvement in future fire-setting behavior among youth ages 5-18. The **Child and Family Risk Surveys** are conducted separately. Questions are asked exactly as written to conform to the validated protocol, in which six areas describing the individual's characteristics are evaluated (see pages 11-14)

Based on the scored results of the evaluation, youth will be placed in one of the following areas of concern:

- **Score 429-511= Some Risk**
- **Score 511-540= Definite Risk**
- **Score 540=Extreme/Pathological**

Any youth fire-setters who score above 511 will be referred to therapy by a licensed therapist or Mental Health Services. When a youth is referred out for additional services, the following forms must be completed (see pages 15-16):

2. **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE/EXCHANGE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (2 ORIGINALS)**
3. **RISK ADVISEMENT FORM**

The YFPI Administrator shall fax the documents to the agencies providing therapy/mental health services along with a copy of the Family and Child Risk Surveys along with any case notes.

Each youth fire-setter who enters the YFPI program will be assigned a case manager and remain in the program for four months or until all assigned dispositions have been completed. This may include other classes, community service, therapy, groups, etc.

YFPI Committee:

The YFPI committee will be comprised of local fire personnel, law enforcement, city council members, private business, and non-profit representatives, to shall meet on a quarterly basis.

The YFPI committee will meet quarterly to discuss and make decisions about:

Finances
Grant Applications
Funding
Donations
Program Goals
Marketing Material
Special Events
YFPI Out-reach
Fire Prevention Efforts
Youth in Program
Planning of YFPI Fire Academies
Fire Academy Team
Best Practice Curriculum
Training

The YFPI Fire Academy (Educational Intervention)

The YFPI program will host two YFPI Fire Academies per year, (Spring & Fall) or as needed to address the immediate need.

All Youth Fire-setters, siblings, and parent/guardian shall agree to attend the two day academy delivered over seven hours in lieu of official criminal charges, suppression and cost recovery fees for their child's incident.

The YFPI Administrator will be responsible for notifying each family of the date, time, and location of the academy by mailing an **YFPI Acceptance and Class Letter** (See pages 17-18).

All youth and their families must sign a **photo release** form at the time of check-in and pay a $10.00 onetime class fee. The fee may be waived as needed for low income families. (See page 22)

Staff Roles & Responsibilities:

The YFPI administrator will be the Public Information Officer (PIO) & Incident Commander (IC) responsible for assigning **roles and responsibilities** for the overall operations of the YFPI Fire Academy using the Incident Command System protocol ICS (page 19)

YFPI Fire Academy Teaching Team:

YFPI Fire Academy is taught by a multi-jurisdictional staff including: 10 Shasta county fire agencies, Youth Violence Prevention Council, Shasta County Mental Health, Shasta County Sheriff's Office/Coroner's Office, Shasta County District Attorney's Office, Anderson Police Department, Shasta County Juvenile Probation, CRBR Disaster Relief, U.S. Forestry, and members from local City Councils.

YFPI Pre-Post Survey's

Attendance at the fire academy is mandatory. All instructors will have each participant complete a **Pre-Post Survey** immediately upon the first day of class; the same survey will be completed again before class completion on the second night. (page 25-26).

All YFPI Fire Academy classes are age appropriate using best practice fire prevention curriculum, writing assignments, and apology letters (workbooks available in word doc upon request).

Classes will be separated in the following age groups:
The 5-10 year olds will learn about EDITH Drills, smoke alarms, how to be a hero, and tour the Fire Prevention Trailer.

The 11-14 year olds will learn about Children + Fire = Arrest, thinking errors, how much fire costs, EDITH Drills, problem solving skills, the high costs of a criminal record, family escape plan, and family meetings.

The 15-18 year olds will complete WHO, WHAT, WHY, & WHEN: they will describe their fire and explain ways they can avoid being involved with fire in the future; learning to be leaders and advise others not to play with fire.

Parents will be educated on their roles in keeping their families safe, as well as learning who is responsible for cost recovery fees, and who is legally responsible for their child's fire-setting, set up exit an plan, and the importance of working smoke detectors.

Presenter and Rotations: (see **example academy schedule** page 21)

a. 20 minute Burn Presentation video and discussion by Jas Shaw immediately after all attendees have checked in, after the burn presentation, attendees will be dismissed by age group.
b. Presentation by David Dillion, convicted Arsonist talks about "Life After 13 years in Prison"
c. Fire personnel have each student open sealed envelopes containing photographs that clearly show what kind of terrible damage fires can cause
d. Juvenile Probation Officers talk about juvenile hall and being on probation

Certificates of Completion:
Upon completion of all assigned homework and attendance at both days an award ceremony will be held. All youth shall be called up and given their **certificate of completion** (see sample on page 27).

Exit Appointments:

Upon successful completion of all assigned dispositions, the youth and family will have an exit appointment at the YVPC office. The program Administrator will notify referring agencies of the successful completion of the program.

Any youth who fail to complete the program will be referred back to Juvenile Probation for possible criminal charges/court sanctions.

Recidivism will be checked at 6 and 12 months after program completion.

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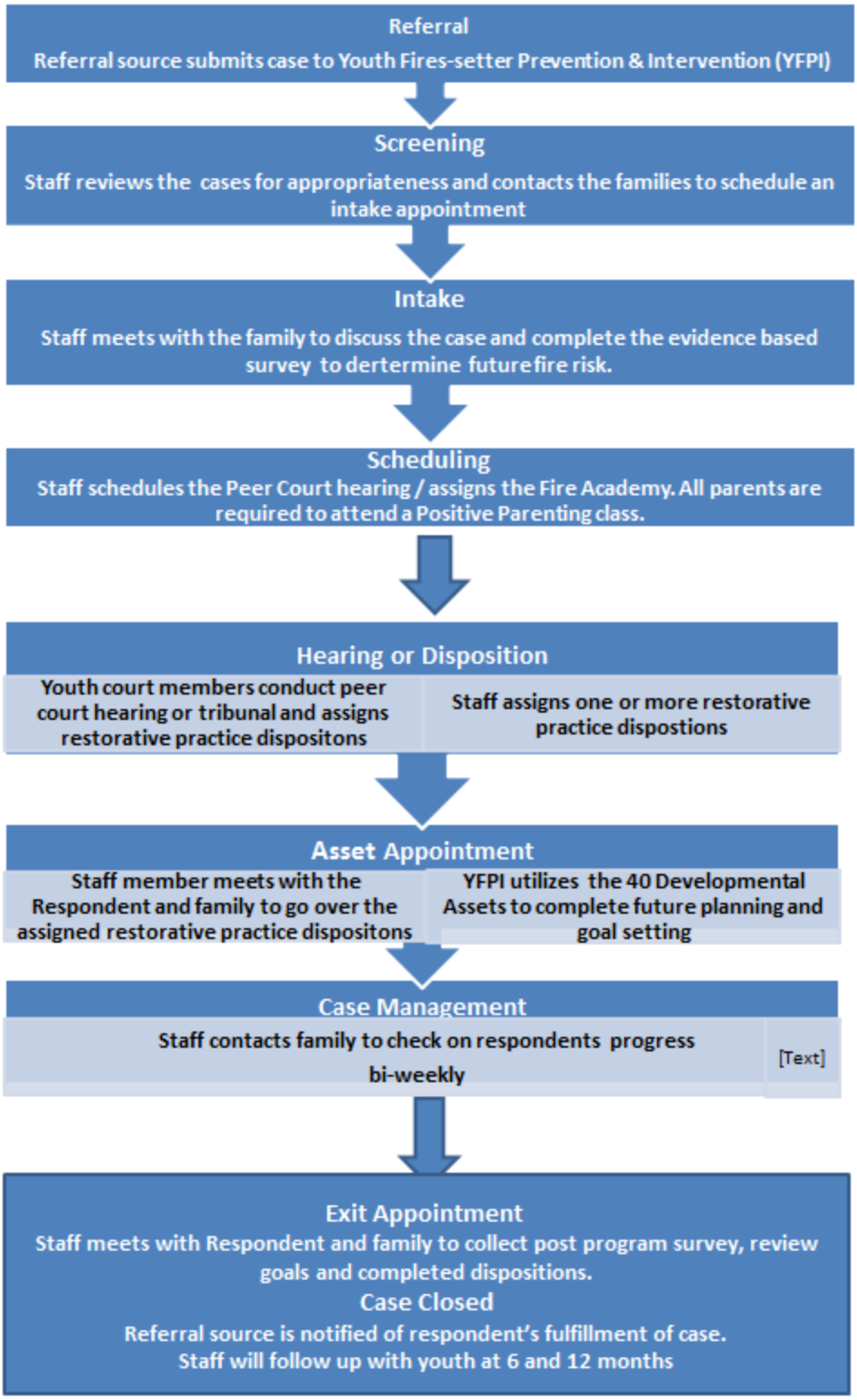

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
M 4421 BURNING LANDS OF ANOTHER
M 4422 ALLOWING FIRE TO ESCAPE
M 4432 ABANDONING A BURNING CAMPFIRE
M 4433 WRITTEN PERMISSION TO HAVE A FIRE ON PRIVATE LAND
M 4434 CAMPFIRE ESCAPE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE
M 4436 REFUSAL TO FIGHT FIRE
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
F 12305 ILLEGAL POSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES
M 13000 ALLOWING FIRE TO ESCAPE
M 13001 CARELESSLY/NEGLIGENTLY THROWING OR PLACING A FLAMING OR GLOWING SUBSTANCE THAT CAN START A FIRE (IE. LIGHTED CIGARETTE, CIGAR, OR ASHES).
M 13002 CIGARETTE/MATCH (LIT OR UNLIT), OR OTHER SUBSTANCE THAT CAN START FIRE THROWN ON HIGHWAY, SIDEWALK, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.
PENAL CODE
M 148 RESISTS, OBSTRUCTS PEACE OFFICER OR EMT
M 148.2 DISOBEYING, DELAYING, OR INTERFERING WITH FIREMEN
M 148.3 (a) REPORTING FALSE EMERGENCY
M 148.4 (a) INITIATING A FALSE FIRE ALARM
M or F 241 (b) ASSAULT AGAINST PEACE OFFICER/FIREMEN
M or F 243 (b) BATTERY AGAINST PEACE OFFICER/FIREMEN
I 308(b) MINOR POSSESSING SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA
M 594 VANDALISM
I 653y MISUSING 911 SYSTEM
M 402 INTERFERING WITH EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
F 451 ARSON (WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY CAUSING A FIRE): (a) CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY (b) INHABITED STRUCTURE OR PROPERTY (c) STRUTURE OR FOREST LAND (d) PROPERTY (GENERIC)
F 452 ARSON (RECKLESSLY CAUSING A FIRE): (a) CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY (b) INHABITED STRUCTURE OR PROPERTY (c) STRUTURE OR FOREST LAND (d) PROPERTY (GENERIC)
F 453 (a) POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, DISPOSING OF INCENDIARY DEVICE
F 455 UTILIZING A DELAY INCENDIARY DEVICE
M 602 TRESPASSING
M 602 (j) BUILDING FIRE ON LANDS OF ANOTHER
12301 DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES-EXPLOSIVE/INCENDIARY/CHEMICAL

FIREWORKS
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
M 12680 PLACE, THROW, IGNITE OR DISCHARGE DANGEROUS FIREWORKS AT A PERSON OR CROWD WHERE INJURY CAN OCCUR OR CREATING CHAOS, FEAR, OR PANIC
SHASTA COUNTY ORDINANCE AND PENALTY
8.12.010(A) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, DISCHARGE, OR IGNITION OF A FIRECRACKER, DETONATING CONTRIVANCE, BOMB OR FIREWORK OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION WITHIN SHASTA COUNTY WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE FIRE WARDEN
CITY OF REDDING ORDINANCE
M 9.20.170 EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS
IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION TO POSSESS, TRANSPORT, DISCHARGE, OR IGNITE ANY FIRECRACKERS, SKY ROCKETS, SNAP CAPS, DETONATING CONTRIVANCE, BOMB, OR FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF REDDING WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR POSSESSING OR DISCHARGING AND IGNITING SUCH DEVICES FROM THE CITY.
CITY OF ANDERSON ORDINANCE
9.38.150 NO FIREWORKS IN PARK
5.20.140 NO FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND IN CITY

REFERRAL TO THE YOUTH FIRE-SETTER PREVENTION & INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Contact: Jas Shaw 530-244-7194

Name of Minor: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians_____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School:_____

Offense: _____ Code: _____

Suppression Costs Due: $ _____

I agree to have _____ participate in the Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention Program (YFPI). In agreeing to this, I authorize the release of all information pertaining to my case between YFPI and the _____referring agency listed above.

Signature of minor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

Referred By: _____

Contact No. _____

IF APPLICABLE PLEASE ATTACH THE INCIDENT REPORT/DIAGNOSIS/PHOTOS

YFPI Participation Release

The Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention Program utilizes the youth fire-setter screening program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration to evaluate youth who have been involved in a fire incident or has been referred to the by a parent or another entity or agency.

The evaluation assesses the risk of involvement in future fire-setting behavior.

To do this, six areas describing the individual characteristics are evaluated: demographic, physical, cognitive, emotional, motivation, and psychiatric.

Based on the results of the evaluation, your child's tendencies will place him/her in one of the following areas of concern:

Some Risk	Needs Educational Intervention
Definite Risk	Needs referral for evaluation to a mental health agency or to a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and education intervention.
Extreme Risk	Needs immediate referral for evaluation by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist

I, _____, have read the previous statement and do hereby grant Permission for my child,_____, to participated in the Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention Program and as a family attend the next scheduled Fire Academy Educational Intervention, and hereby authorize the release of information regarding My child to other agencies as it may deem appropriate.

_____ _____

Parent Signature Date

_____

Youth Fire Prevention Specialist

- **If possible, conduct the Child Survey without the parents present in the same room.**
- **Begin the Child Survey with the Development of Rapport section.**
- **Ask all the questions exactly as they are written, to conform to the validated protocol.**

It is also recommended that both the Family and Child Surveys be conducted. The highest degree of accuracy will be achieved if both surveys are used. The Family Survey can be conducted over the phone with the child's parent; however, the Child Survey must be conducted in person and only after the proper parental release has been signed. It is also recommended that a fire or police incident report be placed in the file whenever possible.

While the questions on the Child and Family Surveys must be asked as they are written, there may be circumstances in individual cases where additional information is obtained. Please be sure to write notes in the case file regarding any information that is offered during the interview, even if the information is not scored.

Survey Scoring

Total the numerical weights assigned to the answers received during the interview. The following table shows how the total scores on the Child and Family Surveys correspond to the levels of firesetting risk and related methods of intervention.

Risk Level	Source	Score	Intervention
Little	Family Survey	<429	Education
Little	Child Survey	<511	Education
Definite	Family Survey	429<457	Referral and Education
Definite	Child Survey	511<540	Referral and Education

If the Child Risk Score is equal to or greater than 511, but less than 540, and/or the Family Risk Score is equal to or greater than 429, but less than 457 consider conducting the Comprehensive FireRisk Evaluation both the child and the parents or refer to a mental health professional.

Extreme	Family Survey	>457	Referral
Extreme	Child Survey	>540	Referral

There are discretionary areas where it may be advisable to conduct the Comprehensive FireRisk Evaluation initially. The Comprehensive FireRisk Evaluation is recommended for cases which may involve the following factors.

- **When the family is referred by social services, mental health, probation, or in some cases, juvenile diversion.**
- **When a resistant or uncooperative child or parent has been encountered.**

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CHILD RISK SURVEY **Date Survey Conducted** _____

To administer: Ask the question as written, check the response, place the appropriate constant weight in the score column, and add the scores to determine the Total Child Risk Score.

Questions*			Constant	Score
1. Do you have any brothers or sisters?				
	yes		0	
	no	**(If no, skip to Q. 3)**	0	
2. How well do you get along with them?				
	always get along		28	
Score only one response, using the one with the highest risk value.	usually get along		56	
	sometimes get along		84	
	don't get along very often		112	
	never get along		140	
3. How well do you get along with your mother?				
	always get along		10.5	
	usually get along		21	
	sometimes get along		31.5	
	don't get along very often		42	
	never get along		52.5	
4. Do you fight or argue with your mother?				
	never		10.5	
	rarely		21	
	sometimes		31.5	
	usually		42	
	always		52.5	
5. Do you see your father as much as you'd like?				
	yes		0	
	no		60	
	too much		60	
6. When you are asked to do something, do you usually do it?				
	yes		0	
	no		17.5	
7. Do you lie a lot?				
	yes		17.5	
	no		0	
8. What happens at home when you get in trouble?				
	grounded		0.0	
	talked/lectured		0.0	
	abused**		0.0	
	physical punishment		0.0	
	sought outside help		0.0	
	other/nothing		0.0	
	yelled at		32	
9. Has there been an ongoing (chronic) crisis or problem in your life or in your family?				
	yes	_____ (What?)	62	
	no		0	

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CHILD RISK SURVEY **Date Survey Conducted** _____

10. Besides this fireplay or firesetting incident, how many other times have you played with fire, including matches or lighters, or set something on fire?

1 (current)		32	
2 (current +1)		64	
4 (current +2-4)		128	
6 (current +5)		192	

11. What did you do after the fire started?

put it out		called for help		0,0	
ran away		didn't try to run		0,0	
panicked		tried to extinguish		0,0	
other		didn't try to extinguish		0,0	
		stayed and watched		40	

12. Did you intend to play with fire or set the fire, that is, did you play with or set the fire on purpose?

yes		187	
no		0	

If the surveyor has evidence of intent, the surveyor may override the youth's denial

13. Where did you set the fire?

_____

(If any type of structure was involved as a target or a location, score:)		47	
		0	
other	_____		

14. Do you like to look at fire for long periods of time?

yes		250	
no		0	

TOTAL CHILD RISK SCORE _____

Question (15) is for informational purposes and does not score.

15. How did you get the ignition source (match/light/other) used in the fire/fireplay?

_____

** *If there are indications of abuse or neglect consult with social services or law enforcement immediately.*

If the child is at least nine years old, ask the child to repeat, in reverse order, the description of the incident.
How does this compare to the original description?

A. **The Cut Off Score For Mental Health Referral For The Child Risk Survey Is 540 or Above.** If either the Child Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 540 and/or the Family Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 457, the child should be referred to a mental health professional.

B. If the Child Risk Score is equal to or greater than 511, but less than 540, and/or the Family Risk Score is equal to or greater 429, but less than 457 consider conducting the comprehensive firesetter risk assessments for both the child and the parents or refer to a mental health professional.

C. **AN INTERVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM** is appropriate if the Child Risk Score is less than 511 and/or the Family Risk Score is less than 429.

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FAMILY RISK SURVEY

Date Survey Conducted: _____

To administer: Ask the question as written, check the response, place the appropriate constant weight in the score column, and add the scores to determine the Total Family Risk Score. Please substitute the child's name in questions 1-5.

	Questions*		**Constant**	**Score**
1.	If you had to describe (child's name) curiosity about fire, would you say it was absent, mild, moderate, or extreme?			
	absent	_____	0	_____
	mild	_____	99	_____
	moderate	_____	198	_____
	extreme	_____	297	_____
2.	Has (child's name) been diagnosed with any impulse control conditions, such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity (ADHD)?			
	yes	_____ _____(Diagnosis)	28	_____
	no	_____	0	_____
3.	Has (child's name) been in trouble outside of school for non-fire related behavior?			
	yes	_____ _____(What?)	90	_____
	no	_____	0	_____
4.	Has (child's name) ever stolen or shoplifted?			
	yes	_____	14	_____
	no	_____	0	_____
	dk/na	_____	0	_____
5.	Has (child's name) ever beat up or hurt others?			
	yes	_____	14	_____
	no	_____	0	_____
	dk/na	_____	0	_____
6.	Besides this fireplay or firesetting incident, how many other times has your child played with fire, including matches or lighters, or set something on fire?			
	1 (current)	_____	84	_____
	2 (current + 1)	_____	168	_____
	4 (current + 2-4)	_____	336	_____
	6 (current + 5)	_____	504	_____
7.	Is there an impulsive (sudden urge) quality to your child's firesetting or fire play?			
	yes	_____	71	_____
	no	_____	0	_____
	dk/na	_____	0	_____
			TOTAL FAMILY RISK SCORE	_____

Question (8) is for informational purposes and does not score.

8. *Is there a history of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in the family?* *Yes* _____ *No* _____
Who _____ *Relationship* _____ *Currently in the home* _____
If there are indications of abuse or neglect, consult with social services or law enforcement immediately

A. **The Cut Off Score For Mental Health Referral For the Family Risk Survey Is 457 or Above.** If either the Family Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 457 and/or the Child Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 540, the child should be referred to a mental health professional.

B. If either the Family Risk Score is equal to or greater than, 429, but less than 457 and/or the Child Risk Score is equal to or greater 511, but less than 540 consider conducting the comprehensive firesetter risk assessments for both the child and the parents or refer to a mental health professional.

C. **AN INTERVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM** is appropriate if the Family Risk Score is less than 429 and/or the Child Risk Score is less than 511.

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Jas Shaw, Youth Fire Prevention Specialist PH: 530-244-7194 FAX: 530-244-4150
1700 Pine Street Suite 250 Redding, CA 96002
jas@yvpc.org

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE/EXCHANGE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I hereby authorize use or disclosure of the named individual's health information as described below. I understand that this release may include the disclosure of exchange of information in written, verbal, electronic, and/or other forms

I _____ authorize the Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention Program to:

_____ release to: _____ of_____
_____ obtain from: _____
_____ exchange with: _____
_____
_____
_____

the following information pertaining to myself/my child:_____

_____ treatment summary
_____ history/intake
_____ diagnosis
_____ psychological test results
_____ psychiatric evaluation/medication history
_____ dates of treatment attendance
_____ other (specify) _____

for the purpose of:

_____ evaluation/assessment and/or coordinating treatment efforts
_____ other (specify) _____

This consent will automatically expire one (1) year after the date of my signature as it appears below, or on the following earlier date, condition, or event _____
_____.

I understand I have the right to refuse to sign this form, and that I may revoke my consent at any time (except to the extent that the information has already been released).

_____ Social Security #:_____
Signature of Client Date OR
Date of Birth:_____

_____
Signature of Witness Date

RISK ADVISEMENT

I have been informed that the FEMA/USFA Youth Fire-setter Evaluation indicates that my child, _____has a serious risk of continued involvement with fire setting activity.

I have also been informed by the Youth Fire-setter Prevention & Intervention Specialist of the serious risk of injury and property damage that may continue to exist until the problem is resolved.

I have been advised to seek an evaluation by Mental Health/a licensed psychotherapist or psychiatrist.

_____ _____

_____

Youth Fire Prevention Specialist

ACCEPTANCE LETTER

You are currently enrolled in the Youth Fire-setter Prevention and Intervention Academy. Your child has been selected to participate in this diversion program in an effort to avoid prosecution. Your child displayed positive signs that we feel makes him/her a great candidate to take part in a program specific to addressing fire-setting tendencies and behavior.

Participation in this academy is mandatory and is a component of the restorative action assigned by Shasta County Peer Court and the Youth Violence Prevention Council.

It is important to understand that lack of participation or attendance will be cause for immediate referral to Shasta County Juvenile Probation for follow up.

The intent of the Youth Fire-setter Prevention and Intervention Academy is to provide relevant, up to date information regarding consequences and impacts of fire. The academy teaching cadre also has taken on the responsibility to mentor youth and provide them with some valuable life skills to make better decisions.

The academy teaching cadre understands that we will have the opportunity to help good kids that made a bad decision and help them work through the experience. The ultimate goal will be to prevent further fire-setting incidents and keep your child safe.

We look forward to your participation.

Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Staff

Please see the inserted flyer for all details related to the academy

YFPI CLASS LETTER

Parents must attend & siblings are highly recommended to attend

Dates: Thurs: Nov 12th & Thurs: Nov 19th
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Anderson New Tech High School 2098 North Street, Anderson, CA 96007
Cost: $10.00

This academy is a program of Youth Violence Prevention Council in partnership with the Shasta Arson Task Force, coordinated in response to the current issue of youth fire-setting. Your child has been assigned to this mandatory class as a result of a fire incident.

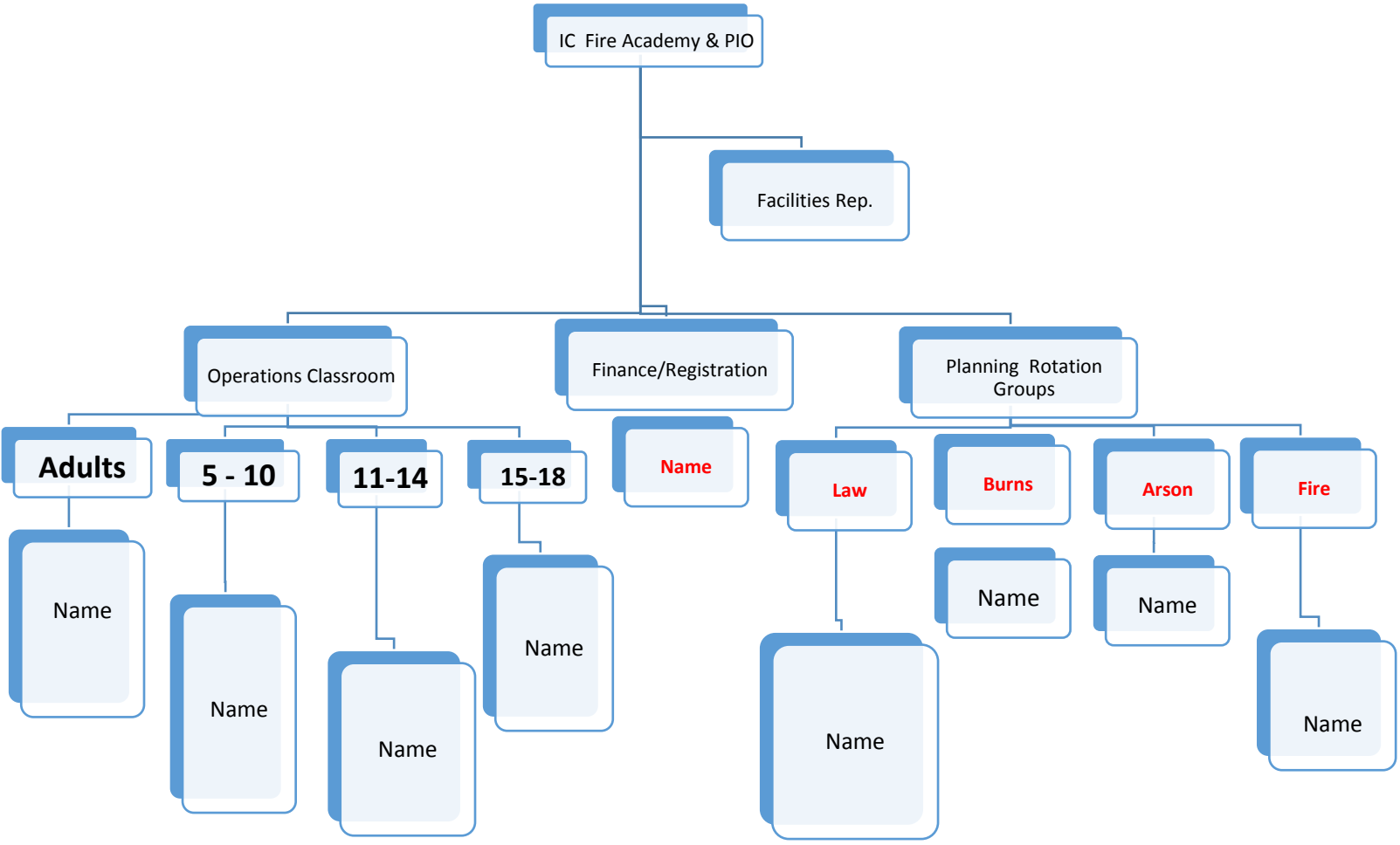
Fire Prevention Topics include: civil vs. criminal charges, defining accidental vs. malicious fire-setting, the dangers of fire and having a family escape plan. Also, an inside look into two burn survivors lives afterwards, including physical, emotional and property damage.

Students will also learn useful tools that help them recognize poor choices, thinking errors, and how to communicate and repair problems while taking responsibility for their actions.

Contact Jas Shaw, YFPI Specialist II with any questions at: 530-244-7194

Sponsored By:

Staff Roles and Responsibilities



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FALL 2015 YOUTH FIRE-SETTER PREVENTION & INTERVENTION ACADEMY

Contact: **Jas Shaw, 244-7194 jas@yvpc.org**

Dates: **November 12 and November 19**

Time: **5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Anderson New Tech High School 2098 North Street, Anderson, CA**

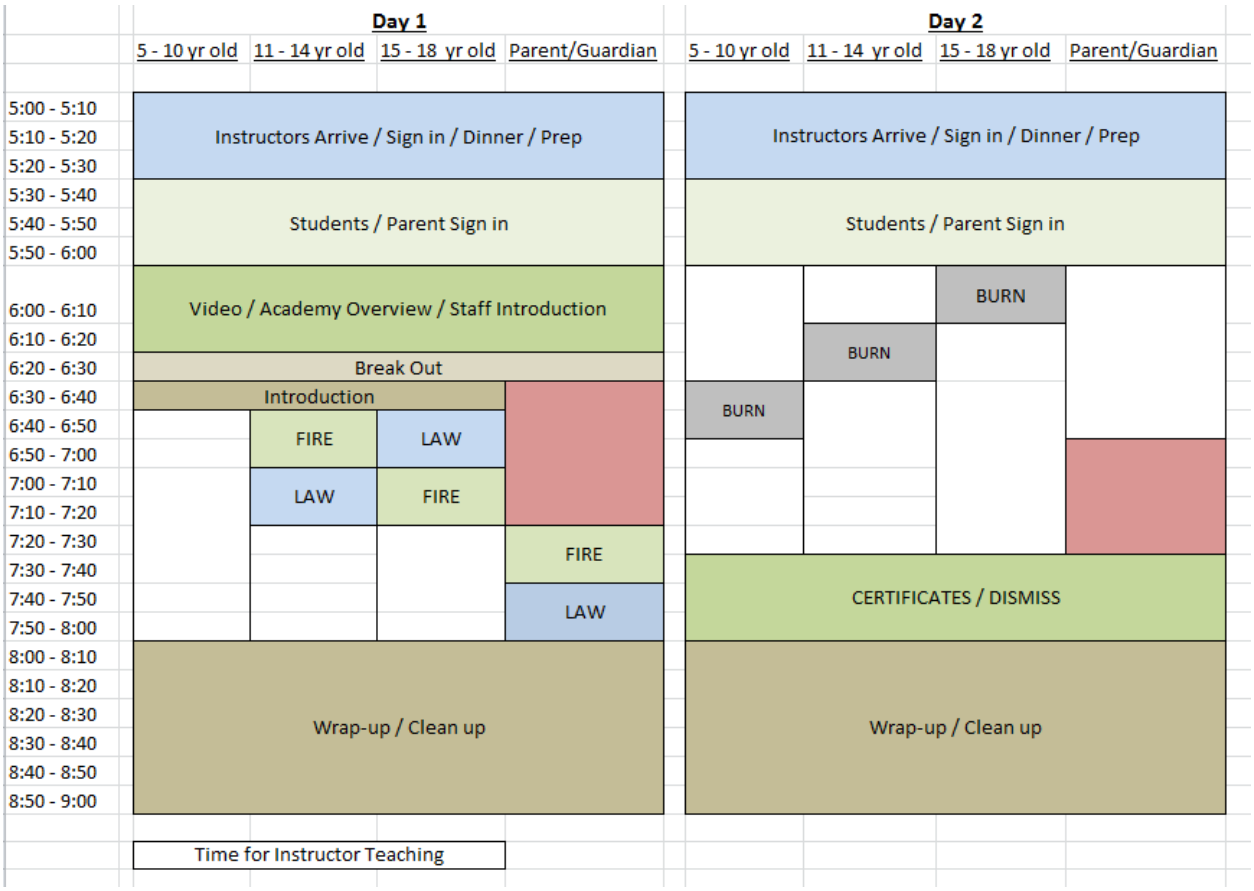
California Chief Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover will be visiting the North State and attending the second Fire Academy sponsored by the Youth Fire-setter Prevention and Intervention (YFPI) program on Thursday, November 19. Chief Hoover has been actively involved in fire prevention, public education and risk mitigation for more than 20 years, and we are honored to have her attend Shasta County's YFPI Academy.

The YFPI, in partnership with the Shasta Arson Task Force, is a program of the Youth Violence Prevention Council. Patrick O'Connor, a YVPC Board member and City of Redding Fire Inspector along with Jas Shaw, the YVPC Youth/Peer Court Coordinator, and J.T. Zulliger, Cal Fire Battalion Chief founded the program in response to the current issue of youth fire-setting in Shasta County. The academy is offered twice per year and serves youth ages 5-18, using a best practice youth fire prevention curriculum.

Since January 2014, YFPI has identified, screened, and provided services to: 53 Youth Fire-setters, 38 Siblings, and 54 Parents. Studies have shown that 50 percent of all fires are started by youth under the age of 18, and that 85 percent of youth will continue to repeat their dangerous behavior if left untreated.

Active partners participating in the YFPI Academy include: Shasta County District Attorney, Juvenile Probation, Home Land Security, US Forest Service, Cal Fire, Anderson Police Department, Anderson Fire Protection District, Cottonwood Fire Protection District, Redding Fire Department, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, Anderson City Council, Shasta County Mental Health, CleanRite BuildRite, College Options, Simpson College, and Shasta College.

Fire Academy Class Schedule



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Name: _____ Date:_____

Signature: _____

(parent, if signing for a minor)

Address:_____

Childs Name(s) _____

YFPI Pretest-Post Elementary Age Level

Name:
Age:

Circle the correct answer

What is the name of the safety tool that smells for smoke?

a. Kitchen fan **c. Whistle**
b. An adult **d. Smoke Alarm**

2. During a fire, where does the smoke go?

a. Up **c. Down**
b. sideways **d. no where**

3. If a person's clothes are on fire, what should they do?

a. Crawl **c. Scream very loud**
b. Stop, Drop, and Roll **d. Run really fast until the fire goes out**

4. What should you do if you find a lighter or matches?

a. Tell an Adult **b. Hide it for later**
c. Leave it alone **d. Show your friends**

5. Fire is a powerful tool for adult use only?

a. True
b. False

6. 911 is used for?

a. Education **c. Get help during an emergency**
b. Get directions **d. Fire station visits**

7. Who gets hurt when children set fires?

a. Strangers
b. Family members
c. Themselves
d. Friends

8. When you see people play with fire, fireworks, spray cans, and lighters or matches, you should?

a. Tell them to stop
c. Tell an adult
c. Leave
d. All of the above

9. If you start a fire on purpose, you could go to jail?

a. True
b. False

10. Fire-setting is fun and exciting?

a. True
b. False

11. Do you know what an EDITH Drill is?

a. True
b. False

12. Do you know if your home has working smoke alarms?

a. True
b. False

13. How long does it take for a fire to get out of control?

a. 10 seconds
b. 10 minutes
c. One hour
d. Never because fireman always put them out

15. Do you know your own address?

a. True

Pretest-Post Teen & Adult Group

Circle the correct answer

Name:

Age:

1. **Which of the following is not Arson?**

   c. **Possession of matches or lighters** c. **Setting a fire for an improper reason**
   d. **Helping a friend start a fire** d. **Bringing gas to a place to start a fire**

2. **"Age of culpability" means the age a person can:**

   a. Be held legally responsible for their actions **c. Testify as a witness to a crime**
   b. Have their juvenile records erased **d. Legally independent from their parent**

3. **What percentage of all arson arrests are children?**

   a.25% **c.55%**
   b.70% **d. 62%**

4. **If a fire causes less than $1,000.00 it cannot be considered arson and is not a crime.**

   a. True
   b. False

5. **Restitution is:**

   a. An apology letter to those affected **c. Replace damaged property**
   b. Medical treatment costs **d. Payment for fire department and EMS response**

6. **What is the largest factor in preventing future fire-setting?**

   a. Education **c. Arrest / Juvenile hall**
   b. Punishment **d. Fire station visits**

7. Over 1/3 of the victims of child-set fires are:

a. Strangers
b. Family members
c. Themselves
d. Friends

8. Fires set by children account for approximately:

a. 10,000 fires per year
c. 150,000 fires per year
c. 350,000 fires per year
d. 250,000 fires per year

9. A felony charge of Arson can effect:

a. Acceptance to college
c. Job or employment opportunities
b. Financial credit to rent or buy housing
d. All of the above

10. Fire-setting is often an outlet or cry for help:

a. True
b. False

11. Do you know what an EDITH Drill is?

c. True
d. False

12. Do you know if your home has working smoke alarms?

c. True
d. False

13. How often are you supposed to change batteries in the smoke detector?

b. Every month
b. Every six months
c. Once per year
d. Never do dead

15. Do your children have easy access to flammables & lighter or matches?

a. True
b. False

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Presented to:

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For successful completion of the Youth Fire-setter Academy
Date:_____

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Jennifer "Jas" Shaw