The Stratford Fire Department, Stratford, CT responds to over 7000 calls for assistance each year. This includes a variety of different calls, i.e. structure fires, medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials, marine and confined space rescue, plus many other calls.

The Stratford Professional Firefighters Burn Foundation is a 501 © 3, non-profit organization, founded in June of 1999 by firefighters from Stratford, CT. Our mission is the prevention of fires and burn injuries. No Officer, Board or Foundation Member receives any pay for our efforts. Funds raised are used to support our areas of interest. For additional information about our foundation, please visit our website at: http://spffafightingburns.org/mission.html

To schedule a Home Safety Inspection appointment, please contact us:
Phone: (203) 381-2080
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“Fighting for the Prevention of Fires and Burn Injuries”
Home Safety Inspection Program

The Town of Stratford and the Stratford Professional Firefighters Burn Foundation partnering with the Stratford Fire Marshal’s Office and Stratford Firefighters, Local 998: I.A.F.F. have embarked on an ambitious Home Safety Inspection Program. This program is being funded by the U.S. Homeland Security/F.E.M.A. Fire Prevention Grant. This program was initiated as a direct result of an increased number of fire fatalities and scald related injuries in our Town during 2008-09. It is our goal to reduce these incidents.

Our program consists of three distinct areas:

• **Smoke Detectors:**

Stratford Firefighters would like your permission to inspect your home. We want to ensure that smoke detectors are present in every level of your home. We will also test your detectors to determine that they are working properly. When needed, we will replace the batteries in your detectors. If we find that your home is in need of a smoke detector, we will install one at no cost to you.

“Smoke Detectors save Lives”

• **Anti Scald Program:**

During our home inspection, we will test the temperature from your kitchen sink. If the water temperature exceeds 120°F, we will recommend adjusting the thermostat on your hot water tank or on demand system. The thermostat should be set below 120°F to prevent scald burns, especially to the young and elderly. Scald injuries are the leading cause of burn injuries, particularly to our young and elderly. Turning the temperature down will also reduce energy costs. When cooking on the stove, turn the handles on all of your pots away from you so they cannot be pulled off.

“Turn it down, Turn them around”

• **Address Marker Campaign:**

Each residence should have a clear and identifiable address marker. During our inspection, we will identify residences that require address markers and make these available to you at no cost. Emergency services could be delayed in reaching you during an emergency, if the home is not clearly marked.

“Help us Help You”

Why are we conducting this program?

Since 2008, the Town of Stratford has seen a significant increase in the number of fire fatalities due to missing or inoperable smoke detectors, and burn injuries related to high hot water temperatures.

How will we conduct this program?

When responding to an emergency or non-emergency call, we may ask to conduct this Home Safety Inspection. You may also contact us to make an appointment for us to conduct this survey at your home.

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