

# *Hartsdale Fire District*

## **Summer 2004**

### **Newsletter**

#### *32nd Annual Baby Sitters Course*

**We are proud to announce the 32nd anniversary of our *Baby Sitters Course*. The Hartsdale Fire District is again offering the annual *Baby Sitters Course* to anyone twelve years of age or older who has not taken this course before.**

This valuable course is offered every year as a service to our residents and neighbors. It provides good basic training for our students to be qualified babysitters.

As a babysitter, you are responsible for the care and safety of our youth. Regardless of your age, you are performing a valuable and needed service for which you can be justly proud. We want you and the children for whom you are caring to feel secure while you are babysitting.

**The course will be given at the Hartsdale Fire Station No. 1 at 25 South Central Avenue, Hartsdale, N.Y., from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for five weeks starting on:**

**Tuesday September 14, 2004.**

The instructors for the *Baby Sitters Course* include a Doctor of Emergency Pediatrics, a Neo-Natal Nurse, a Police Department Public Safety Officer, a Director of a local preschool center, a Paramedic, and Fire Department Training Instructors.

Classroom lecture is combined with instructor demonstrations and videotapes. Students also participate in hands-on classes such as First Aid, Rescue Breathing, Infant Care, Fire Extinguishers and much more.

All students receive a *Baby Sitter Course* handbook and supplemental literature.

**Early registration is necessary.** The class is limited to 35 students with Hartsdale residents receiving priority. Those accepted into the class are notified by mail. For more information, please contact the Hartsdale Fire District at 949-2325 or stop in at Station No.2 at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue.

At the completion of this course, a listing of *Baby Sitter Course* Graduates, who grant us permission to use their name, will be made available to the public by the Hartsdale Fire District. This is done as a public service to those who are seeking the services of qualified, responsible baby sitters.

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#### **REGISTRATION FORM - HARTSDALE BABY SITTERS COURSE 2004**

This registration form is to be completed and returned to:

**HARTSDALE FIRE DISTRICT  
300 WEST HARTSDALE AVENUE  
HARTSDALE, NY 10530  
914-949-2325**

Parent or Guardian's signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

School/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire Prevention Week  
October 3-9, 2004**

**TEACH SOMEONE YOU LOVE FIRE PREVENTION**

## At Fire Headquarters

This year's fire prevention theme is:

### “Test Your Smoke Detectors!”

Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are the great safety success story of the 20th century — but only when they're working properly.

Making sure that homes are equipped with working smoke alarms is only part of the solution. Kids and families must also know what to do when the alarm sounds.



Working smoke detectors in your home could mean the difference between life and death. If your smoke detector activates due to a fire, you may have as little as two

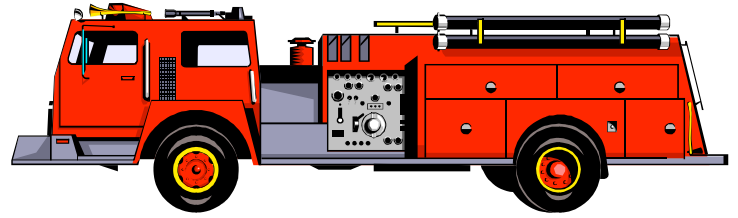
minutes to get out safely. By having a working smoke detector in the home, you reduce your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of your home, on the ceiling, at least 4” inches away from any wall. ***You should test your detector monthly following the manufacturers instructions and you should change your batteries once a year or when you hear the low battery chirp warning noise.*** If you have any questions regarding placement of your smoke detectors, give us a call at the firehouse at (914)949-2325.

***The smoke detector will give you the early warning you need to get out, but you also need a plan to safely escape along with everyone else in the house.***

Get everyone together for a family meeting and draw a sketch of your house or apartment. Identify two ways out of each room including windows and doors. If you live in an apartment, don't use the elevators, use the stairs or fire escape during an emergency. When escaping always stay low and crawl on your hands and knees. Identify a meeting place outside. Never go back into a fire. If someone is not at the meeting place tell the firemen that someone may still be inside and we will go in to search for them. If you can't get out, go to a window and signal a fireman with a cloth or flashlight and we will get you out.

## Open House

The Hartsdale Fire District will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 3, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hartsdale Fire Station No. 2, located at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, NY.



Fire safety literature will be available and fire department personnel will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding fire safety in your home. Please stop by with your family and friends. Our fire trucks will also be available for viewing. Hope to see you there!

## Hydrant Testing

The Hartsdale Fire District will be conducting the annual flow testing of the district's fire hydrants beginning September 13, 2004. The testing may discolor your water for a brief period of time, but the



water is still potable. If you find your water has become discolored from our testing, let the cold water run slowly until it clears.

Local radio station WFAS, as a public service, will broadcast a reminder on the days of the hydrant testing including the areas being affected. The testing period will be from 10 A.M. to 1P.M. Monday-Friday and will last approximately two weeks.

## Did You Know?

Cigarettes are the leading cause of fatal fires in the United States. Smoking materials lead to one out of four fire deaths, more than any other cause of fire.

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**To report a fire or emergency call  
949-2324 or 911  
For all other business please call  
949-2325**

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