

Hartsdale Fire District

Summer 2008

Newsletter

36th Annual Baby Sitters Course

We are proud to announce the 36th 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. 2 at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, N.Y 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Sept. 11 to Oct. 2, 2008 (students observing Rosh Hashanah on 9/30 will be able to make up that night).

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 Ave., Hartsdale.

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.

REGISTRATION FORM - HARTSDALE BABY SITTEES COURSE 2008

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 5-11, 2008

TEACH SOMEONE YOU LOVE FIRE PREVENTION



- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.

- Keep anything that can catch fire – potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags – away from your stovetop.

- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.

- Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains, and clothing.

- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.

- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.

- Homes with young children should have tamper-resistant electrical receptacles.

- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

- Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet, out of the reach of children.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.

- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Blow out candles when you leave a room.

- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.

- Use flashlights for emergency lighting.



- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

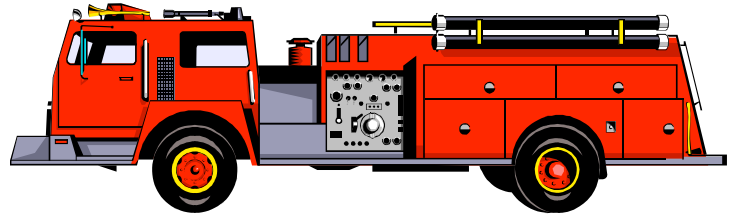
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

- Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.

Open House

At Fire Headquarters

The Hartsdale Fire District will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hartsdale Fire Station No. 2, located at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale.



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 8, 2008. The testing may discolor your water for a brief period, 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 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday-Friday and will last approximately two weeks.



- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider a residential fire sprinkler system

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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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