



## City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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### Cottonwood Fire Department “Play Safe – Be Safe” Program

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Cottonwood Fire Department is planning to present our “Play Safe - Be Safe” program this fall in all Pre-Kindergarten programs/schools in the city.

“Play Safe - Be Safe” is a fire education program created for children ages 3 to 5 years. This program incorporates 4 important fire education and safety lessons and teaches the children how to respond to each of these lessons. “Play Safe – Be Safe” utilizes various forms of educational methods including video, scenarios, cards, stories, and hands on demonstrations to explain and educate the fire safety lessons.

Fire educators and firefighters across the country found certain lessons that they determined contained ideal content to teach children in this age. Consequently, they divided this content into 4 one hour sessions. Working with each of the Pre-kindergarten programs, the fire department schedules one hour each week for 4 weeks to teach these lessons.

These lessons include:

‘My Friend the Firefighter’. Children are often intimidated by firefighters in their firefighting gear. This lesson teaches them that even though a firefighters gear may look strange, the firefighter is still a friend that are there to help them in case of fire.

‘Stop! Drop! And Roll!’ This lesson tells children what to do if their clothes catch on fire.

‘Crawl Low Under Smoke’. This lesson covers what a smoke detector is, what it does, what it sounds like, and what to do if it goes off. We teach the children the steps to take in safely exiting a structure if they hear a detector going off.

‘Tool and Toys’ This lesson describes the difference between toys are safe to play with and tools which children need to keep away from. It includes instruction on items that children should never touch and should tell a grown up about.

For further information concerning this program please contact the Cottonwood Fire Department at 928-634-2741.