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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:



ABOUT NEWS RESOURCES CONNECTED COMPANIES

Who causes fires in the USA and Canada?

- **Prevention Connection Blog.** What are our national fire causes?
- **We are now using the Oregon assessment tool.**

If you need a copy of the assessment tool, contact Kathi Osmonson.
www.fire.state.mn.us

From the State YFPI Coordinator

Greetings YFPI Professionals. As fire prevention month winds down and the holiday season begins, I want to remind everyone of the upcoming trainings outlined to the right.

These two-day National Fire Academy classes will cover both specialist and program manager topics. I encourage you to attend and bring your team members if you have not already participated in these interactive classes. The final exam is the Minnesota State Fire Certification Board's written test.

Evaluators will be present if you would like to continue with the practical skills and earn your YFPI specialist certificate. The program manager practical is a take-home exercise in gathering your YFPI team and having all documents in order so that once you complete the practical exam you are ready to launch your program.

Thanks for all that you do! And I hope to see you on Dec. 8.



2015 Training Schedule **YFPI Specialist & Program Manager Overview**

Waseca Fire Department

- November 5 & 6
- November 7 & 8

Cambridge Fire Dept

- December 16 & 17

To Register go to:
www.fire.state.mn.us
 Course Registration

2015 YFPI advisory meeting schedule

Most meetings are from 10 a.m. to noon with training possibly available after lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Dec. 8
 St. Paul in conjunction with the Minne-

sota Fire & Injury Prevention group.

We will have a YFPI breakout session and plan our meeting dates for 2016.

Andy Hamline will present on restorative justice after lunch.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR 2016 LOCATIONS

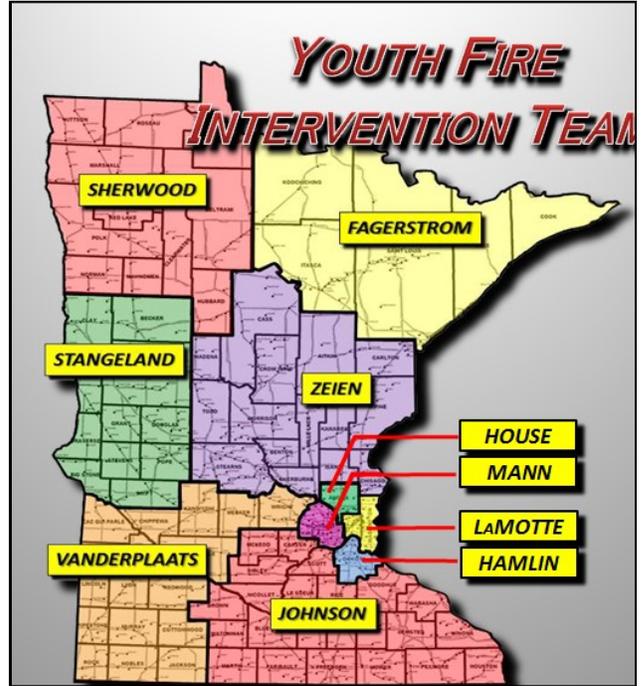
Youth Fire Intervention Team is Up and Running

It is official: Minnesota has an active Youth Fire Intervention Team (YFIT)!

During the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association conference on Oct. 21-24, the YFIT process was outlined in the new officers and the State Fire Marshal Division classes.

The state duty officer is a one-stop shop for all of your fire ground needs including assistance with hazardous materials, incident command, search and rescue, National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, pipeline issues and natural disasters. Now the duty officer also activates the Youth Fire Intervention Team.

The map above outlines the YFIT regional program managers, and while there are obviously more trained



professionals in the state, these folks have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be duty officer contact in their area.

These individuals continue to gather their multidisciplinary teams, market the program, schedule regular team meetings and respond when children light fires.

When you see these folks please help me to

thank them for their efforts and please help me thank their chief officers for their continued support of YFIT.

I would also like to thank the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association board of directors for their continued support of this important program.

Together we are making Minnesota a safer place.

Thank You.

If you know someone who is interested in YFIT please let [Kathi](#) know.



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For Your Information

Have you heard of ‘Flint Bombs’ or ‘Throwies’? Here’s what New Zealand fire officials learned following a recent incident.



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To: All FAIP Practitioners

From: Peter Wilding - Manager Fire Investigation and Arson Reduction

Date: 22 October 2015

Subject: Information for FAIP Practitioners - "Flint bombs" or "Throwies"

Two teenage boys undergoing a recent FAIP intervention explained a device they called a "flint bomb" that they had been making that led to a fire. The boys said that that many of their classmates are regularly making these at school. A quick search on the internet shows these have been around for a while but their popularity may be increasing again.

Flint bombs or "Throwies" are made by extracting a flint and spring from a disposable lighter. The flint is then wrapped by the extended spring as in photo 1. The flint is then heated by another lighter until it glows red or white and thrown onto a hard surface. The result is a reasonably loud bang and a bright explosion similar to fire works.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 3 shows the fire ball that is created with emanating sparks. Given that some of the YouTube videos showing how to do this were filmed in garages and the New Zealand experience involved the loss of three motor bikes, one utility vehicle, a large amount of household furniture, a garage and sleepout all destroyed by fire, the chances we will be involved is quite high.



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