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Fire Safety Educator
of the Year!**



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Brian Niggli strives year round to emphasize the importance of fire prevention to his community. He developed the fire safety program used by the Penfield Fire Company, which includes approximately fifty presentations a year, and has been a member of FASNY since 2002. His program has been so successful that public and private schools, nursing homes and other visitors from near and far have requested visits from him.

Niggli and his committee are transported to scheduled presentations via a fire truck with Sparky's trailer. He presents videos and uses props to entertain and engage his audience. These props include a door, window, turnout and firefighter gear for students, Sparky and "robotic" Sparky, a fire truck, magic tricks, and handout materials, among others.

The videos Niggli uses in his fire safety program are presented at the appropriate level of learning and are followed by an in-depth discussion of what was covered. Props are used to demonstrate information from the video, and a firefighter dressed in full turnout gear with air pack equipment shares fire prevention knowledge, including the significance of dialing 911. The students are then given turnout gear to try on. This program generally lasts anywhere from twenty minutes to an hour and a half, depending on the age of the group. Thanks to Niggli's program, teachers are eager to incorporate fire prevention into their classroom lessons.

Niggli schedules students to be taken to nursing homes to teach fire prevention to the residents. Training is given in how to exit in case of an emergency, and the students demonstrate and help residents with the program. Senior citizens' safety pamphlets are also distributed to the nursing homes when a program is presented.

Niggli always makes time to fit in people who request his fire prevention program. He never refuses anyone who wants to schedule, and if, for some reason, a group has to cancel, he diligently schedules another time for the program.

In addition to his programs, Niggli encourages participation in the FASNY Fire Prevention and Life Safety Essay Contest every year. The contest is very well received by both the teachers and children of public and private schools. Chosen essays are sent to Monroe County Fire Association for further review. Children look forward to the contest every year and are proud of classmates who have won.

The activities that Niggli has developed keep everyone in the community interested in learning fire prevention. Niggli is devoted to this program and has improved it every year. His dialogue, jokes and props have all been cleverly developed to make the program an outstanding one to watch. Children and adults alike enjoy the program as well as Sparky. It is easy to see how Brian Niggli and his program on fire prevention have improved safety in the lives of the children and residents of the community.

Letter of recommendation submitted by Penfield Fire Company chief Chris Podgorski and treasurer's assistant Ron Welkey.

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| Year: | Name: | Fire Department: |
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| 2005 | Glenn Sickles | Scottsville Fire Department |
| 2006 | Jeffrey S. Burkhart | Oriskany Independent Fire and Hose Company |
| 2007 | Donald P. Dalrymple | Valois, Logan & Hector Fire Company, Inc |
| 2008 | David Bowen | Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company |