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# NEO Newsletter

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Dear Prevention Bureau Staff,

Welcome to the first addition of Northeast Ohio News – a monthly newsletter – designed to provide information specific to your unique position. Here, you’ll find details about upcoming events, training opportunities and resources available to help enhance the services your Fire Department currently offers. In addition, you’ll learn how other members in the network are “Making a Difference” - sharing ideas and mentoring one another while working towards a common goal – building safe communities!

Thank you for everything you do – have a great day!

Sincerely,

Angela Potter

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## Northeastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association (NEOFPA)

### Back to School – Fire Safety

Learning to live with COVID-19 has presented many challenges. Are you fielding questions from school officials yet? Have you determined how you’ll handle safety in the building – when classes resume this fall? Join the [Northeastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association](#) virtual meeting to hear about the recommended guidelines aimed at keeping everyone safe at school.

[School Drills and Fire Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Visit [NEOPFA](#) at

[NEOFPA.org](#) and [NEOFPA on Facebook](#)

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## Upcoming Events

**August 31**

[NEOFPA Virtual Meeting](#)

Back to School – Fire Safety

**September 2**

[NEOSEN Virtual Meeting](#)

Community Stakeholders

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## Meet Marshal Reardon

Ohio's 39<sup>th</sup> Fire Marshal, Kevin Reardon, will be joining the NEOFPA meeting in August and the NEOSEN meeting in September! Mark your calendar to welcome Marshal Reardon to Northeast Ohio!

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## Northeast Ohio Safety Educators Network (NEOSEN)

### Strong Communities – Building Relationships with Stakeholders

Now, more than ever, we need to focus on joining forces with stakeholders to share the responsibility of building safe communities. Which stakeholders do you currently partner with? Are there other mutually beneficial relationships to build? Join the next virtual [Northeast Ohio Safety Educators Network](#) meeting for practical tips and resources that you'll be able to use to build strong relationships.

### Making a Difference – Overcoming Obstacles

Fire Departments everywhere are learning how to navigate through life with COVID-19. Adapt and overcome is something the fire service does well – take a look at these awesome examples:

Cancel Safety Town – No way!! These cities decided to offer traditional programs – with a twist! For the first time ever – Safety Town went virtual!

[Brunswick Hills Personal Safety Town](#) – Chief Anthony Strazzo

[Copley Virtual Safety Town](#) – Firefighter Mike Jones

[Hudson Virtual Safety Town](#) – Lieutenant Kevin Nelson

[Stow Virtual Safety Town](#) – Firefighter Mel Adams

[Wadsworth Safety Town](#) – Assistant Chief Richard Potter

### Making a Difference – Working Together

Kudos to these fire departments – working together to assist one another with Youth Firesetter Intervention cases during the pandemic:

Parma Fire Department – Fire Inspector Gary Vojtush

Richfield Fire Department – Lt. Kevin Urban

Stow Fire Department – Firefighter Mel Adams

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## Training Opportunities

### Introduction to Strategic Community Risk Reduction (ISCRR)

National Fire Academy – Online Self-Study Course

Introduction to Strategic Community Risk Reduction (ISCRR) is a new course that empowers the learner with an understanding of what constitutes strategic community risk reduction (CRR). Students explore the history and evolution from fire prevention into all-hazards risk reduction. In addition to identifying the core components that build an effective CRR strategy, students learn how the process can help foster safe, healthy, prepared and resilient communities.

[NFA Course Catalog](#)