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E-Newsletter

Champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities.

Greetings,

Thank you for taking the time to read our e-newsletter. As you know, we are champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities all across Wisconsin. Everyone is touched by the work we do, whether through safety education and fire prevention initiatives, or the support we provide to fire fighters and their families during times of need. Our goal is to prevent fires and burns from happening at all, however when a burn injury does occur, we are there to deliver meaningful support to burn survivors of all ages and in all stages of recovery.

In this newsletter, you will read about recent news, upcoming events (that you're invited to!), and other ways to get involved. You will also read about the devastation our community has already faced in 2021. To date, there have already been 17* fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin. This is 21% higher than the eight-year average across this time period (January-March). We need your help to make the number of fire-related fatalities zero. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Wos, Executive Director

**Based on U.S. Fire Administration's "Home fire fatalities in the news."*

RECENT NEWS

Tickets & Sponsorships Available for Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball



We're excited for our 5th annual Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball coming up on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

The evening will be complete with live music, a silent auction, and moving program featuring inspirational stories of survival from the people we serve.

Please consider attending, donating an item to the silent auction, or making an even bigger impact by becoming a sponsor. Tickets and sponsorship packages are available for purchase [online](#).

Please call (608) 630-8440 or email Aine@pffwcf with any questions.

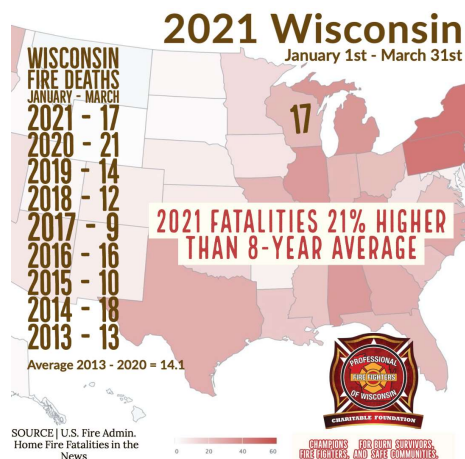
Teacher Essay Contest Winner Purchases Fire Escape Ladders for Students



Mrs. Bongert, who placed in the top 10 in our fire safety teacher essay contest, is giving back to her community. Mrs. Bongert from Rio Community Schools used her \$500 award to purchase fire escape ladders and smoke alarms for her 4th grade students' homes.

Mrs. Bongert also coordinated with the Rio Fire Department to come out and explain to students how to use the fire escape ladders and smoke alarms. The students were thrilled. Thank you for your dedication to fire safety, Mrs. Bongert!

Home Fire Fatalities 21% Higher than 8-Year Average



There have already been 17* fire-related deaths in Wisconsin reported by the media as of March 31st, 2021. This is down nearly 17% from the 21 fatalities reported during this time period in 2020, however, still well above a typical year. The eight-year average for fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin during the first three months of the year is 14.1. We are still well above this average in 2021. In fact, fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin are 21% higher in 2021 than the eight-year average, which covers all available data on the U.S. Fire Administration's "Home fire fatalities in the news" database.

With people still spending additional time at home, it is more important than ever to practice home fire safety. Among other fire safety measures, make sure to replace your smoke alarm batteries, have a home fire escape plan, and never leave cooking unattended.

**All data according to the U.S. Fire Administration's "Home fire fatalities in the news."*

Alliance for Fire Safety



We are working on getting a statewide Alliance for Fire Safety (AFS) back up and running. This group of individuals and organizations from across the state will work to make Wisconsin fire-safe and burn-free.

Additional information will be released in the coming months.

Statewide Smoke Alarm Campaign Update



Our statewide smoke alarm campaign is fully underway! You may remember we were awarded a \$68,000 grant from FEMA in 2020 to purchase 3,600 smoke alarms. All 3,600 smoke alarms have been claimed and delivered to 30 partner departments from all corners of the state. Fire departments will report each installation via a short, online form which we are tracking. By the end of our Period of Performance on September 3rd, thousands of households across Wisconsin will have been made safer thanks to the hard work of committed fire departments around the state going out and installing these alarms.

Spring 2021 Newsletter - Join our Mailing List

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We're getting excited for a summer full of motorcycle benefits, golf outings, and other chances to gather with many of you. Be on the lookout for our Spring 2021 Newsletter which will be released in May. The newsletter will include a full listing of events this summer, updates on our four areas of programming, and more.

If you have not received our physical print semi-annual newsletter in the past, please email your address to Aine@pffwcf.org by Friday, May 7th to be added to our mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Annual Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball



Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball

Saturday, May 8th, 2021
Harley-Davidson Museum
[More Information](#)

Backdraft Bike Tour



Sunday, June 6th, 2021
Neenah, WI

27th Annual Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth



August 8th - 14th, 2021

BE A CHAMPION. GET INVOLVED.



Volunteer Opportunities

5.8.21 - Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball - Milwaukee

Contact Program Coordinator, Aine King, at Aine@pffwcf.org if you are interested in volunteering at an upcoming event. Thank you!



Truwatch and Fore The Kids Golf Outing has purchased an entire barrel of this special one-of-a kind blend that is only available to those donating to the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation's Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth!

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Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball

Silent Auction Items Needed

- Sports Memorabilia
- Experiences
- Sporting/Event Tickets
- Baskets
- Vacations
- Spa Packages
- Cabin Rentals
- Restaurant Gift Cards/Certificates

Please contact Aine@pffwcf.org if you would like to donate to the silent auction. Thank you!



Please consider supporting our Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth by purchasing an item from our [Amazon wishlist](#). Thank you!

THANK YOU

Your support makes a difference and changes lives.

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