



## More than a little problem!

The occurrence of juvenile set fires is both pervasive and an incredibly destructive event. Look at these disturbing statistics:

- Children “playing” with fire start 100,000 reported fires annually in the United States(\*).
- Yearly, fires set by youth cause an estimated 350 deaths and 3000 injuries.
- Fire protection costs and property loss attributed to youth set fires exceeds \$330 million annually.
- 54% of persons arrested for arson are under 18 years old.
- Almost 7% of youth arrested for arson are under the age of 10!
- More than 80% of children who set fires will be repeat offenders if left untreated.
- If united, a community or region can address the needs communicated by children and youth through their firesetting behavior.

\* United State Fire Administration and

National Fire Protection Association data.

Effective intervention programming including fire safety education and counseling to prevent and mitigate the impact of juvenile firesetting is available to individuals, organizations, and communities.

## If:

- You know of a child involved in fire-setting...
- You want to offer your support to preventing juvenile firesetting...
- You want more information about juvenile firesetting...

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## Pennsylvania

Juvenile Firesetting



## Pennsylvania Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program

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## Prevention and Mitigation



## Pennsylvania's Regional Concept for Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programs

The statewide regional concept is based on the premise that numerous community-based programs would be cost prohibitive and an unnecessary duplication of effort. Regionally based intervention programs would better serve several combined communities or counties throughout the state. A region is defined as a combination of population, geography and socio-economic demographics wherein juvenile-related agencies and professionals working with juveniles work collectively in a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) concept to execute principles applied to intervention strategies. The MDTs place special emphasis on developing and maintaining programs utilizing juvenile firesetter interviewing, screening, evaluation and referrals to the appropriate intervention and treatment agencies and professionals.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Firesetter Advisory Group

To address the problem of juvenile firesetting behavior within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to reduce the risk of fire-related loss of life, personal injury and property destruction. The goals and objectives of the statewide program will be accomplished through interventions including fire safety/science/prevention education and professional mental health counseling, working cooperatively with those agencies and individuals serving the juvenile population.

## Juvenile Firesetter Referral Network

