

Fire and Life Safety Education Programs

Hall County Fire Services is committed to providing the community with fire and life safety education. We believe in the power of prevention and education, and we offer a wide range of educational services. Our aim is to reduce life and property loss in our community. By educating those that live and work in Hall County, we can save lives.

Our staff is available to present a variety of programs for schools, organizations or businesses. We provide child, adult and senior adult safety and injury prevention education throughout our community. Outlined below are some of the programs that we provide to the community.

Preschool Programs

We provide visits to preschools and child care facilities to educate young children about fire safety and other safety issues. All programs are age-appropriate, and include a visit to the fire truck. Safety messages include: match and lighter safety; stop, drop and roll; calling 9-1-1; smoke alarms; and firefighters as friends.

School Programs

Our safety classes are age specific. Each class is designed to meet the educational and physical abilities of the students. Our programs target kindergarten and fourth grade, though we will certainly visit other grade levels upon request and as time allows. Safety messages include home escape planning and fire drills, smoke alarms, and general fire safety. We also provide educational classes on vehicle safety, burn prevention, bike safety, poison prevention and others.

Civic Groups/Homeowners/Businesses

A variety of programs that include fire and other safety issues are available for adult audiences. These programs can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual or business that is requesting the class. We provide fire extinguisher training, general home fire safety, evaluation planning and training, home fire and disaster planning, and fire prevention measures.

Citizens Fire Academy

Hall County Fire Services sponsors a Citizens Fire Academy for individuals over the age of 18 that live and/or work in Hall County. This ten-week class provides an overview of the services provided by Hall County Fire, and the extensive training that is required to meet the needs of the community. The class is very hands-on, and ends with participants entering a live fire event in our burn facility.

The class is offered twice a year, in the spring and the fall. Information concerning the class is posted on the front page of our website, along with an application.

Other Programs and Services

Among the other services that Hall County Fire provides are Camp Lifesavers, which is a day-long safety camp for children; Operation Open House, which allows tours of burned homes for educational purposes; health and safety fairs; and child passenger safety. There are five (5) certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on staff with Hall County Fire Services. Parents or others wishing to have their child safety seat checked for proper installation can make an appointment with one of these individuals.

In addition, Hall County Fire Services in conjunction with Gainesville/Hall County SAFE Kids Coalition sponsors a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm installation program. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are free to individuals demonstrating a need, and are installed in residences by trained firefighters.

The Education Division of the Fire Marshal's Office can be reached at 770/531-6838.