

Youth Fire Intervention Specialist course



Feb.22, 2018 5-9 p.m. Feb.

23, 2018 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Certification is available on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.

Lake Superior Technical College

2101 Trinity Road

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This two-day National Fire Academy accredited course provides an overview of NFPA 1035.

Participants will learn about what our youth fire problem is, who sets fires and why, primary prevention, identification and intake, interviewing and intervention strategies, and program evaluation.

Upon completion, students will be able to conduct a youth fire assessment using prepared forms and understand when and how a referral to mental health is made.

To register, please [click here](#).

MN Youth Fire Intervention Team and MN IAAI present...

Pre-IAAI Conference session on March 20, 2018

Holiday Inn St. Cloud

1 – 5pm to Register, please [click here](#)

Coalition Building and Case Studies

When agencies interact to address youth firesetting behaviors in the community (e.g. fire service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, mental health, burn services, child welfare, and school personnel), benefits and pitfalls can occur. Understanding the benefits can strengthen a program and the service it can provide. This course will share case studies to illustrate the benefits of coalition partnerships. Participants will:

- Understand the various disciplines that make up a community coalition for youth firesetting intervention.
- Learn the benefits of coalition partnership.
- Discuss case studies relevant to youth firesetting intervention.

YFIRES - The First 500 Cases Revealed course

This course will share the trends and data resulting from the first 500 cases to be reported from YFIRES (Youth Firesetting Information, Repository, and Evaluation System). This data system is designed to collect information on youth firesetting cases coming to the attention of any professional discipline working with firesetting behaviors. It collects a standardized national data set to benefit programs locally and an understanding of youth firesetting behavior nationally.

This presentation shares an analysis of the data collected in YFIRES between Jan. 1, 2016 and Aug. 13, 2017. Participants will learn how it is working, what it offers to working programs, and the kind of reporting expectations the system can offer. Current users can also ask questions and receive support of their use of YFIRES. Participants will:

- Understand the development criteria for YFIRES.
- Learn the benefits to data collection, storage, and reporting.
- Experience reporting results for YFIRES.
- Discuss coalition building implications of YFIRES.
- Receive user support for YFIRES.



Meet the Presenter, Don Porth

Don Porth, BS is a youth firesetting intervention specialist who served with Portland (Oregon) Fire and Rescue for 27 years as a firefighter and public educator. Don has served on various committees and organizations related to youth firesetting behaviors, including 21 years as president of SOS FIRES: Youth Intervention Programs, a nonprofit specializing in support for firesetting intervention programs. Don currently works as a consultant on fire and life safety issues. His current focus is managing the Youth Firesetting Information Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES). YFIRES is a national data system and repository for information on youth firesetting behaviors (YFIRES.com).