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Emergency Services Receives \$10,842 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Emergency Services has received a \$10,842 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to promote fire safety among preschool students during visits to daycare centers and other community outreach events.

Gene Booth, the county's assistant fire marshal, said the department will use the money to buy educational materials, including a fire safety robot and videos targeting younger audiences.

“We are excited about being able to initiate this program in the preschools,” Booth said. “The importance of having a quality fire prevention program is vital to our efforts to reduce injuries and property loss due to fire.”

The grant does not require matching funds from the county.

“This plan is designed to increase awareness of fire safety and reduce the fear associated with uniformed responders,” Booth said, adding that statistics show children under the age of 4 account for 9 percent of all fire fatalities nationwide each year.

For more information on fire safety, contact the Fire Marshal's office at 321-6736.

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