



The Details

When: Tuesday, March 20 from 1-5 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn St. Cloud
75 37th Ave. S.
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Cost: Free

Registration: Register online by [clicking here](#).

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The presenter: Don Porth 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.

Don currently works as a consultant on fire and life safety issues. He currently focuses on managing the Youth Firesetting Information Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES).

Youth Fire Prevention Intervention Training

This free training course will take place before the start of the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators' annual fire investigation conference. This free course will address coalition building and case studies, as well as the first 500 cases reported in the Youth Firesetting Information Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES).

Coalition Building and Case Studies

There are benefits and pitfalls that happen when fire service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, mental health, burn services, child welfare and school personnel interact to address youth firesetting behaviors. Understanding the benefits of coalition building can strengthen a program and its services. This course will feature case studies to illustrate the benefits of coalitions.

Participants will:

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

YFIRES: The First 500 Cases Revealed

This course focuses on the first 500 cases to be reported from YFIRES. YFIRES collects information on youth firesetting cases from any professional discipline working with firesetting behaviors. This presentation shares an analysis of the data collected in YFIRES between Jan. 1, 2016, and Aug. 13, 2017.

Participants will:

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

