

## The Firefighters Are Visiting!

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The Anne Arundel County Fire Department presents this information to assist teachers in preparing your pre-school and kindergarten students for "Friendly Firefighter" presentation.

During the "Friendly Firefighter Presentation designed for this age group, the students will have an opportunity to meet actual firefighters from the local station and get to know them as people who are their friends in the event of an emergency. They initially will see them in their normal work uniform as they greet they children.

The students will get an opportunity to see the personal protective clothing and breathing apparatus that firefighters wear. A designated firefighter will put on each piece of equipment and explain the features and why firefighters wear it in case of an emergency. The purpose of this is to educate the students on what firefighters will look like when they are helping people and that children should never be afraid of firefighters when they are dressed in protective gear.

Please emphasize children should never hide from a firefighter.

When weather permits, students may have the opportunity to go outside to see the fire apparatus that the firefighters brought to the school. In warm weather the presentation itself may be made outside near the apparatus.

## **Special note to teachers**

Please be aware that the station assigned to visit your school must remain available for emergency calls. For this reason their arrival may be delayed or they may have to depart earlier than scheduled. Each part of the presentation takes about fifteen minutes. When greeting the crew discuss with the officer in charge the best way to divide up the groups to maximize the visit.



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