

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Fire Safety Trailer and Severe Weather Simulator

The Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department's Fire Safety Trailer and Severe Weather Simulator was obtained in November 2006 as a result of a Federal Grant from Homeland Security/FEMA. Additional funding was provided by Barker Chiropractic and Wal-Mart. The custom Fire and Life Safety Unit was built to Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department specifications by Scotty Mobile Concepts in Mt. Pleasant PA.

This training tool offers education for all ages and groups and is handicap accessible. The trailer provides unique opportunities to teach a wide range of programs to our citizens. In addition to fire prevention, and home escape techniques, this vehicle will also be utilized for weather and disaster preparedness. We will be able to offer a Severe Weather Simulation program to our community that will teach both children and adults to recognize weather warnings and the steps to follow to stay safe if and when disaster strikes. Make your reservations now, the Safety Trailer is available to accommodate groups of 20 or more.

FACTS ABOUT THE HOUSE:

- It is a trailer 8 feet wide, 39 feet long and 12 feet high.
- A smoke system directs non-toxic smoke into the rooms and hallways.
- A fire detection system alerts children to escape.
- The kitchen is equipped with a functional 3 burner stove with oven and a functional microwave oven.
- Trailer has carpeted bleacher seats inside.
- An external phone jack to be located on the door side of the unit, allowing 911 training from outside the unit or to demonstrate the need to exit the home in a fire situation and call from a neighbor.
- An electric hot door is located in the bedroom to allow the children a hands on experience of feeling a hot door.
- Trailer contains a 27" TV/DVD combo as well as other Severe Weather educational aids. Flashing lights, weather radio, am/fm radio etc.

WHAT THE TRAILER TEACHES:

Make and practicing a home fire escape plan:

Know 2 ways out of each room.

Crawling low in smoke

Feeling doors to ensure cool.

Designating a meeting place.

Recognizing Severe Weather warnings and Watches
Severe Weather Safety



Look for us during special events all over the valley. We will also be scheduling programs for our County schools teaching all age groups. Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department is excited to offer this Fire and Life Safety Training Unit that will allow the department to offer new and improved methods of teaching emergency planning and training programs to our citizens.

To schedule a special event please call 540-777-8718.

