

## History and Background

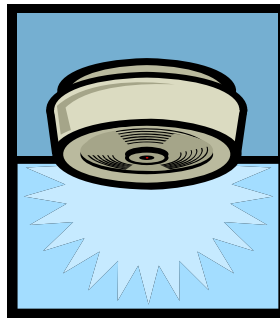
The Senior Advocates for Fire Education (SAFE) program began in the spring of 2005. It was determined that the Toledo Fire Department, with the assistance of The American Red Cross and The Area Office On Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., could utilize a number of senior citizen volunteers that would welcome the opportunity to serve their city and the department. They would be used to do jobs that firefighters had not traditionally been able to perform.

The SAFE Volunteers will promote safety and prevention of fire emergencies, through education, distribution of information and demonstrations, to seniors and children in the community. This program may include citizens of all ages in the future.

The SAFE program provides valuable information, and rewards the volunteers with the satisfaction that they have made a difference.

## Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be age 55 or older
- Possess a valid operator's license
- Possess a high school diploma or it's equivalent
- Successfully complete a background investigation
- Be physically able to perform the duties
- Generally requested that program participants volunteer a minimum of twelve (12) hours a month
- Accept assignment as requested
- Successfully complete all training required for assignment as a SAFE volunteer
- Report for required training as the department requires
- Must be familiar with the City of Toledo and be able to read a map



## The SAFE program:

- The SAFE Volunteers will attempt to promote safety and prevent fire emergencies, through education, distribution of information and demonstrations, to seniors and children in the community. This program may include citizens of all ages in the future.
- The SAFE Volunteers will represent the Toledo Fire/Rescue Department to the best of their ability and assist those in need as per their training, and make them aware of and/or get them in contact with the appropriate agencies.
- The department will provide training, planning, control, support and organization for the SAFE Volunteers.
- Through participation in this program, the department hopes the volunteer will gain insight into the operations of our department, learn new skills and have personal growth as a result of their time in the SAFE Program.

Toledo Fire  
Department  
SAFE  
Program

To Contact SAFE:  
  
Call 419-245-1140  
  
or

E-mail us at:  
[firepubed@ci.toledo.oh.us](mailto:firepubed@ci.toledo.oh.us)



**SAFE**

A Toledo Fire Service



# Toledo Fire Department

Senior Advocates  
for  
Fire Education  
(SAFE)



I would like more information about the Senior Advocates for Fire Education Program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Information Requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ How to become a volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ How to schedule a presentation

Please return completed form to:

Toledo Fire Department  
C/O SAFE – Toledo Fire Museum  
918 W. Sylvania Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43612