



PART 4: CASE STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

Timeline of a prevention event:

1. A referral contacts your department
2. You contact the family and set up a visit
3. First visit with the family and youth
4. Evaluation
5. Follow up visit
6. Referral
7. Data collection / upload
8. Evaluate your process, make any necessary changes

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the report

Read through the Youth Interview form

- Tally up the FLAGS, (X)s, or (R)s.
- Eleven (11) or more = high risk
- Ten (10) or less = low risk

Read through the Parent Interview for any further information

- check for conflicting reports
- would a parent have any reason to not be truthful?

Any other important information?

Be prepared to share your analysis with the class.

INTERVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Low risk of another fire incident:

- Household fire safety check
- Youth fire homework
- Firehouse visit
- Presentation at school/church/community center
- Follow up visits/check in
- Email/phone text with parents

High risk of another fire incident:

- Escalate to your supervisor
- Recommend therapists who specialize in fire play
- Involve law enforcement
- Involve Utah Burn Center at UofU
- Follow up visits
- Household fire safety check

CASE STUDY #1 - JOSH

Ryan Warner
D.O.B. 3/19/18 - 13yrs old
Date of Incident: 5/25/18
Date of Interview: 6/11/18

Ryan's Dad (Mike) had brought him by the fire station on 5/25/18 right after the incident had occurred. Mike works as a swimming coach at Eckler Hill Middle School in Park City, UT, -which happens to be within walking distance to Fire Station 35.

I was off duty on this particular day so the initial interview was done by my Captain Ron Palmer. The report was that Ryan had been out behind the school wandering in the tall grass, was bored and found matches on the ground next to an empty pack of cigarettes. Ryan explained that he was curious and wanted to see what would happen, so it came of the grass on fire. He didn't expect it to grow or spread as fast as it did. He was surprised, scared and stomped the fire out with his sneakers. Unfortunately, Mike was told that someone saw Ryan out back playing with matches. Mike ran outside and caught Ryan when the fire had started. The fire did not spread larger than an approximately 3'x3' area. Mike was unsure with Ryan, unsure of what to do and brought him next door to the fire station to have the fireman talk with him. Captain Palmer explained the danger of playing with fire, the potential consequences, asked Ryan to write a report about the incident, or play with matches and to come back in two weeks to have a more formal interview with me.

On 6/11/18, Ryan and his Dad - Mike Warner came to the station to further discuss the incident. I explained to the both of them that I had an interview form for each of them. Mike filled out the "Parent Interview Form" and I filled out the "Child Interview Form" for Ryan while asking him questions. I also clearly suggested that Mike sign the "Demand for Release of Information" form advising us on where this information with the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office for further review. He understood and filled out the form.

██████ had no problem answering my questions while his father was in the room. At the end of the interview I asked ██████ if there was anything else he would like to talk about. He said that he did and asked that his father leave the room. ██████ left the room. ██████ began telling Captain ██████ and I a story that had troubled him for the past couple of years. He explained that an older high-school aged boy had approached him in the boys locker room during a swim meet. There was no one else in the room, the older boy had approached him from behind, pressing his body against his and putting his hand on ██████'s shoulder while he was at the sink washing his hands. ██████ became scared, shoved the boy into the sink and ran out. He said that he had told his father about the incident later that day but it wasn't talked about again. ██████ explained that it made him paranoid and that he began hiding a pencil on his person at all times in case he needed something for protection. He mentioned that he practices self-defense moves in his room when he's alone. ██████ reason for telling us this story was because he was seeking advice on how to handle a situation like that should it occur again in the future.

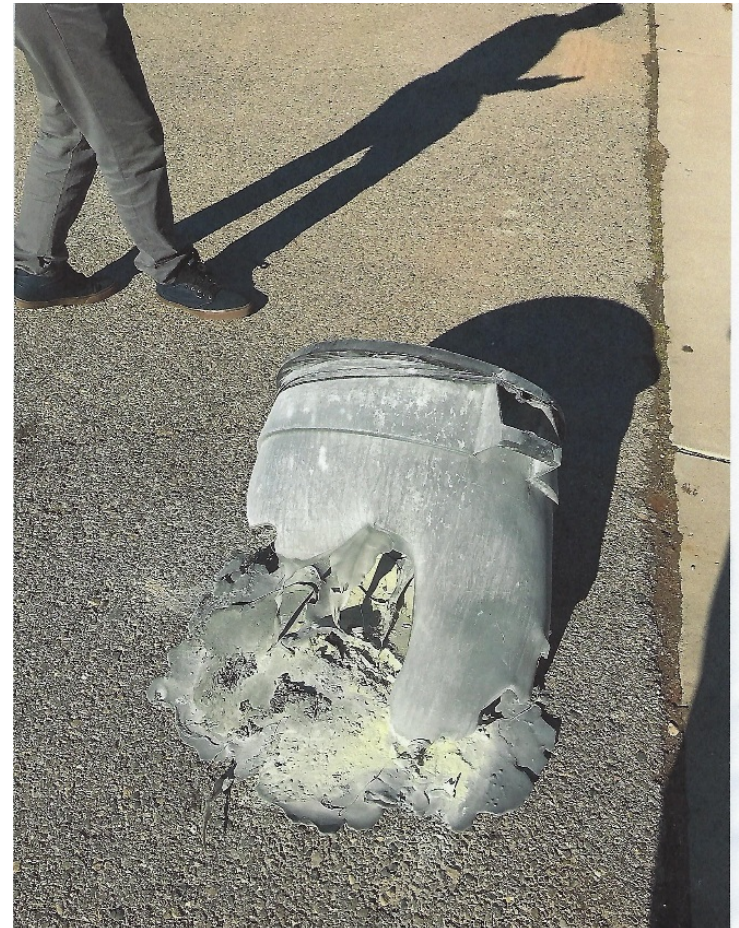
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- Confidentiality of information.
- Release of liability.
- Release of information.



CASE STUDY #2 ZACHARY

- Confidentiality of information.
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CASE STUDY #3 DALE

- Confidentiality of information.
- Release of liability.
- Release of information.



WRAP UP

Intervention is about relationships. Build trust. Create friendships. Some people just need to know the community cares about them.

Take lots of notes.

Take a 2nd Fire Fighter.

Call me.

- just to process it, chat about it, if schedule permits, I could be in on the interview with you

Leave your judgements at the door. Just help the kid not start more fires.

Questions?

IN CONCLUSION

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- <https://firemarshal.utah.gov/>

National Fire Protection Association

- <https://www.nfpa.org/>