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The Burn Institute Brings Fire Safety To The Workplace

Would you know what to do if there was a fire in your workplace? You would if your place of employment had utilized the Burn Institute's **Fire Safety Training Program**.

The **Fire Safety Training Program** teaches employees how to protect themselves from fire and burn injuries. The program is structured around the mandates and

recommendations made by OSHA, the National Fire Protection Association and other recognized experts, and can be tailored to meet the needs of your organization.

Why should I provide this training for my employees? OSHA, DOSH, and Cal/OSHA regulations require that: "Where the employer has provided portable fire extinguishers for employee use in the work place, the

employer shall also provide an educational program to familiarize employees with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting." Section 6151(g)(1)

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Research shows that trained employees:

- Respond with greater confidence to emergency situations
- Use portable extinguishers with nearly three times greater effectiveness than untrained personnel
- Can help reduce or eliminate production downtime and loss of valuable materials
- Can help reduce injuries and Save Lives!

For a nominal fee, the Burn Institute will provide your employees with hands-on fire extinguisher training (course fee includes expert instruction, hands-on live fire training, all training aids, and course completion certificates). The funds generated from this Burn Institute program are channeled back to our fire and burn prevention programs and burn survivor support programs such as *Camp Beyond The Scars*.

Prepare your employees to manage a fire emergency. Call the **Burn Institute** at (858) 541-2277 to schedule your Fire Safety Training Class today! ♡

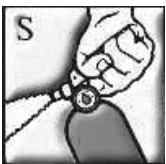
Fighting Small Fires: PASS



1. **PULL** the pin



2. **AIM** low



3. **SQUEEZE** the lever above the handle



4. **SWEEP** from side to side

Use Portable Heating Devices and Fireplaces with Caution This Winter

Rising energy costs may push consumers to a more frequent use of portable heating devices and fireplaces this winter. The concern is that space heaters pose a higher risk of fire and death than central heating. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fixed and portable space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in 25 percent of home heating fires and 74 percent of the associated deaths. The leading cause of space heater fires was combustibles too close to the heaters. Fireplaces and chimneys were involved in 43 percent of all home heating fires and 11 percent of fire deaths. Consumers are urged to use caution when using these devices by thinking fire-safety first.

Here are some helpful hints when using portable space heaters:

- When buying heaters, make sure a recognized testing laboratory has tested or listed the device and choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave a room or go to bed.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

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The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties through fire and burn prevention education, burn care research and treatment, and burn survivor support services.

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Dear Friends:

Since I last wrote you some things have happened in our community that I feel compelled to address.

First of all, in the past few weeks alone, there have been no less than six reported home fires caused by the misuse of candles. Candle fires are on the rise and are quickly becoming one of the major causes of home fires. Never leave a room—let alone your home—with a candle burning. When you burn a candle, be sure that it is placed in a sturdy base and far away from combustible materials.

On an even more tragic note, a young child recently died in a house fire. The cause of the fire and related death—juvenile firesetting. Allowing a child to have access to combustible materials... matches, lighters, fireworks... is akin to giving a child a loaded gun. Juvenile firesetting has become the dirty little secret that many parents refuse to discuss or prefer to shrug off as a harmless behavior that their child will outgrow. Juvenile firesetting is considered the fastest growing fire threat in the United States today.

It causes more than a billion dollars in property damage annually, and takes the lives of young, precious children everyday. Everyday.

If you have children in your home, please lock up all combustible materials far from your child's reach. Teach your children the dangerous consequences of juvenile firesetting. And perhaps most importantly, supervise your children. One common thread among many of the burn-surviving children who attend our Camp Beyond the Scars is that their burn was linked to a lack of adult supervision. Take nothing for granted.

The Holidays are upon us. It is a wonderful time of year filled with fun, festivity, special time with loved ones, and anticipation about what the New Year will bring. Let's make sure that your New Year is filled with joy and not thoughts of what could have been.

Be safe! Happy Holidays!

James A. Floros
Executive Director



P.S. If you know of a child that is exhibiting firesetting behavior, call the Burn Institute for a free and confidential educational intervention.

This Fall marks the annual United Way/CHAD & CFC Campaigns. Please remember the Burn Institute.

Member Agency of Combined Health Agencies (San Diego County)
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Combined Federal Campaign (San Diego #5581) (Imperial County #7024)



Fire and Burn Prevention Facts & Tips

Fact Having a working smoke alarm in your home cuts your chances of dying in a house fire by 50%.

Tips Test your smoke alarms and let your holiday guests know what your family fire escape plan is. (To create a personalized family fire escape plan, log onto www.burninstitute.org)

Fire Safe Tips for the Holidays

The Holiday Season has arrived and so have Holiday Home Fire and Burn Hazards. The Burn Institute offers the following tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe:

Candles

- ♣ Place candles in sturdy, non-combustible candle holders.
- ♣ Place candleholders on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces.
- ♣ Keep candles away from flammable and combustible items.
- ♣ Do not place candles near windows or curtains of any kind.
- ♣ Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle.
- ♣ Do not allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.
- ♣ Keep wicks trimmed to 1/4 inch.
- ♣ Extinguish candles when they get to within 2-inches of the bottom.
- ♣ Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Christmas Trees

- ♣ When choosing a fresh cut tree make sure that the pine needles are difficult to pull from the branches—they should not break when bent between your fingers. If a shower of pine needles fall when you bounce the tree trunk on the ground, the tree is dry and potentially a fire hazard.
- ♣ Choose a sturdy tree stand that holds at least one gallon of liquid.
- ♣ Soak your tree in special solution before bringing it indoors (see the Burn Institute Christmas tree recipe).
- ♣ Place your tree at least 3 feet away from any heat source and do not block any exits.
- ♣ Always unplug tree lights before leaving your home or going to sleep.
- ♣ When your tree begins to shed needles it is time to dispose of your tree. Dried trees are a serious fire hazard and should not remain in your home, placed

in a garage or left leaning against the outside of your house.

- ♣ If you are purchasing an artificial tree make sure it is labeled as fire retardant.

Lights

- ♣ Only use indoor and outdoor lights that are identified with a UL (Underwriters Laboratories) approved label and rated for the intended use.
- ♣ Throw away any light set that has a cracked or frayed cord, or loose or damaged socket.
- ♣ Do not overload electrical outlets, or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, through walls, or near heaters. Use no more than 3 standard size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- ♣ Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm objects to protect them from becoming loose from the wind.
- ♣ Always unplug lights before leaving your home or going to sleep.

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Burn Institute Tree Recipe

This easy to make solution is designed to increase fluid intake for a freshly cut tree. Keeping your tree fresh throughout the holiday season will keep it from becoming a fire hazard.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 gallon warm water
- 2 cups clear Karo Syrup
- 1/2 cup chlorine bleach
- 1/2 teaspoon Borax
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup Woolite

Mix all ingredients in a large bucket and fill the bucket with warm water. Cut 2-inches from the bottom of the tree and place the trunk of the tree inside the bucket. Leave the tree in the bucket for 2-4 days. Remove the tree from the bucket and place in a sturdy tree stand. Use the remainder of the mixture to fill the tree stand. Keep the tree reservoir topped off with fresh water daily. ♣

CPSC, Target Announce Recall of Pillar Candles with Jewels

Name of product: Pillar Candles With Jewels

Hazard: The paint coating on the outside of the candle can ignite, posing a fire hazard.

Description: The candles measure about 3-inches in diameter and come in two sizes—3-inches and 6-inches high. Each candle has a black paint coating and has eight diamond-like ornaments at evenly spaced points approximately 1-inch from the candle's bottom edge. They are packed in clear plastic wrapping, which is tied at the top with a

ribbon. "Distributed by Target Corporation" and the number 054 09 1533 or 054 09 2528 are printed on a label on the bottom of each candle. For additional information, visit Target's website at www.target.com
Remedy: Consumers should stop using the candles immediately and return them to the nearest Target store for a Target GiftCard worth the value of the returned candle. ♣

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- Make sure that any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated.
- Never use liquefied-petroleum (LPG) gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

Fireplace helpful hints are as follows:

- Keep fireplace flue free to excessive creosote build-up.
- Have a professional inspect chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year and have the cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- It is important to use properly seasoned wood. Green wood can lead to creosote build-up as can excessively old wood.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting metal lid.

Respectively submitted,

Carlsbad Fire Chief Kevin Crawford, *President*
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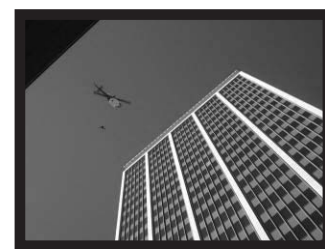
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Plan Your Escape: Get Out Alive!

Did you know that each year approximately 7,000 fires occur in high-rise office buildings and that residential fires claim the lives of more than 3,000 people? High rise fires and house-related fires cause thousands of deaths and injuries and cause millions of dollars in fire damage. Would you know what to do if there was a fire at your place of business or at your home?

During National Fire Prevention Week, the Burn Institute and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department teamed up to demonstrate a live high-rise fire drill in downtown San Diego. Participating in the drill were four engine companies and two truck companies. Six office floors at 1010 Second Avenue participated in the evacuation drill and firefighters simulated an actual fire attack, lobby control, elevator control, establishing connections with hose lines and utilizing building alarms.

"Fire escape planning can make the difference between life and death both at home



San Diego Copter One participated in the drill and simulated a high-rise fire rescue on the top of a downtown building.

and in the workplace," said Burn Institute Executive Director James Floros. "You can survive a fire if you know what to do, which is why everyone should develop and practice their fire escape plan."

To create your personal fire escape plan, visit the Burn Institute online at www.burninstitute.org. ♣

For as little as \$83 per month you can become a member of the President's Circle.

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Join The President's Circle And Enjoy A Year Filled With Exciting Benefits

The Burn Institute is gearing up for an exciting new year and there is no time like the present to become a member of the Burn Institute's President's Circle. The President's Circle was established as a way to recognize individual donors who support the Burn Institute with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. As a member of the President's Circle you will join a special group of people who have partnered with the Burn Institute to ensure that vital Burn Institute programs and services continue throughout our community. These programs and services include fire and burn prevention education, support for burn survivors such as Camp Beyond The Scars, and funding for vital burn research and treatment.

By joining the President's Circle you will enjoy a host of benefits including:

- Two VIP tickets to the 14th Annual Share Your Heart Auction, Wine Tasting and Casino Night (February 11, 2006) (*Value: \$200*)
- Two tickets to Fire Fighters Night at the Padres (April 2006) (*Value: \$40*)
- Two VIP tickets to the 33rd Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet, which includes entry to a special VIP Recipient Reception beforehand. (May 25, 2006) (*Value: \$200*)
- Two commemorative 2006 FIRE EXPO T-shirts (July 2006) (*Value: \$30*)
- Special recognition in the Burn Institute Beacon Newsletter
- Special recognition on the Burn Institute website
- Listed as a 2006 President's Circle Member in the Burn Institute Biennial Report
- Your name placed on the Burn Institute's Life Friends Donor Wall
- Invitations to attend exclusive donor events and Annual President's Circle Receptions
- A keepsake President's Circle lapel pin.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a worthwhile cause. (*Value: Priceless*)

Your 2006 gift can be made as a one time gift in the form of cash, check, credit card or stock. Or, you can become a member for only \$83 a month. Joining the President's Circle has never been easier. Contact **Darlene Snow** at (858) 541-2277 x19. ♡

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Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (KETRA)

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, our nation's relief efforts surpassed anything in the history of our nation. The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (KETRA) allows a taxpayer who itemizes their deductions to take 100% of the total charitable cash contributions donated between August 28, 2005 and December 31, 2005 as a charitable tax deduction up to 100% of their adjusted gross income. For more information about KETRA, consult a tax professional.

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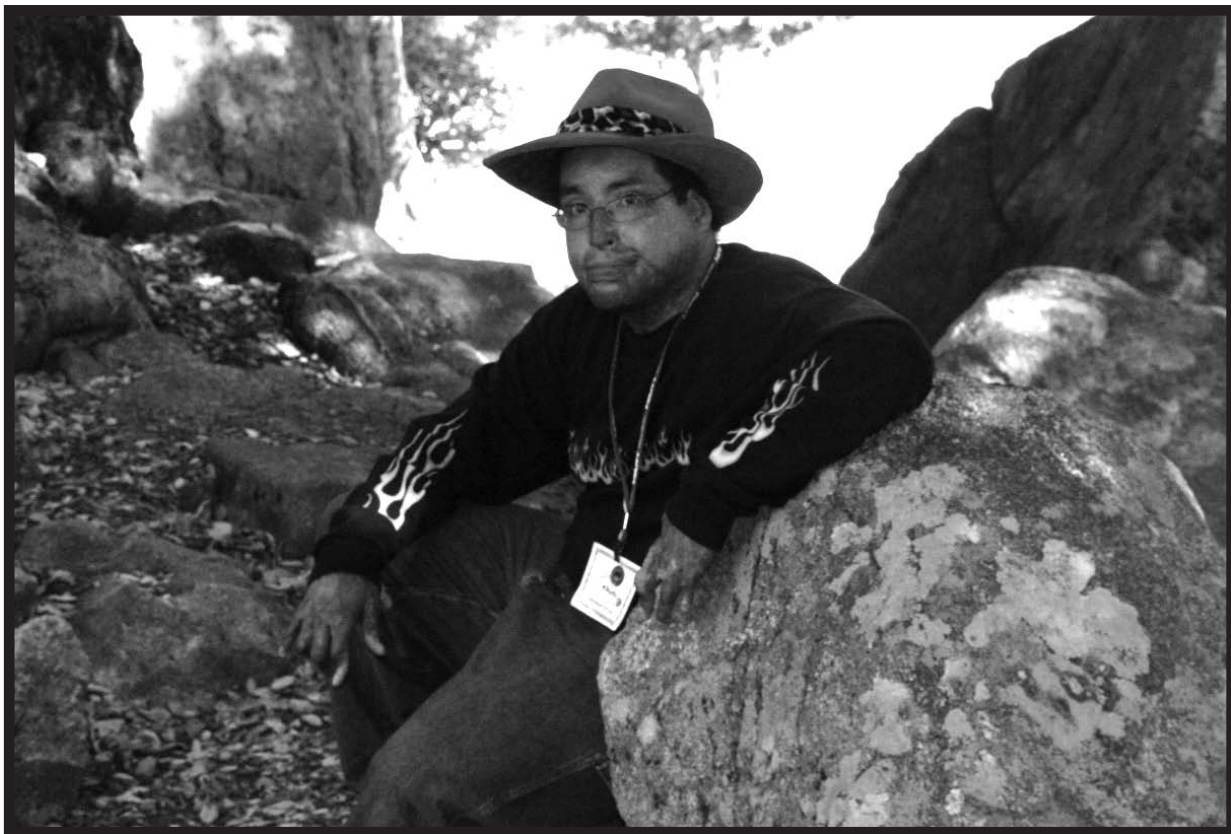
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Thirty Seconds Changed One Man's Life Forever

At 3 a.m. on October 26, 2003, Rudy Reyes' life was altered forever. Rudy, a one-time weightlifting buff, was living in a one-bedroom house on his family's 2.5-acre parcel in Lakeside on Wildcat Canyon Road. The family's main five-bedroom house was occupied by his mother, brothers and several other members of his extended family. Early that morning, Rudy's sister awakened him. She warned him that a fire was fast approaching. When Rudy looked outside he saw an orange glow—he knew he had to evacuate the area.

With the fire fast approaching, Rudy made sure that his mom and brother were safely in their cars and driving away. Rudy was the last to leave the property.

"My brother Rudy was so worried about the house, he didn't want to leave," said Fernando Reyes. He told me to go, and he'd follow. He was more worried about me and my mom getting out in time than he was about himself," Fernando Reyes added.

Fearing the worst, Rudy jumped into his Toyota. The air was filled with so much thick smoke his car engine would not turn over.

"I had no options because no one was left in the house, so I had to make a run for the road," Rudy said. "I just covered my face with my hands and started running down the road and screaming," Rudy added.

Rudy ran along Wildcat Canyon Road for about a mile and a half until a neighbor drove by and picked him up. They drove him to the bottom of the road where emergency crews were staged. Rudy had visible serious burn injuries. The paramedics quickly sedated him. They transported him to the UCSD Regional Burn Center, where he remained unconscious until Christmas Day. Rudy did not leave the hospital until April of the following year.

After losing everything he owned and nearly losing his life, the Burn Institute was there to help Rudy, as well as the many other wildfire burn survivors, with the

necessities and emotional tools needed to help them start over. Rudy, now 27, is learning to live with the burns he suffered over 65-percent of his body. He is a burn survivor who is determined to regain his life back. Since his injury, Rudy has earned an Associate Degree in Archeology. Today, Rudy is giving back to his community—he volunteers at the Burn Institute's *Camp Beyond The Scars* and serves as a mentor to young burn survivors. Rudy has chosen to be a survivor, and he is truly an inspiration to those who have met him. ♡

World Burn Congress

In August, the Burn Institute, in conjunction with the Change-A-Life-Foundation, sponsored ten burn survivors to attend the World Burn Congress in Baltimore, Maryland. This, the largest conference of its kind, gives burn survivors the opportunity to meet their peers from around the world. The conference offers activities and support sessions specifically designed for burn survivors. ♡



(Top row left to right) Art Garcia, Robert Lewis, Karen Boswell, Bridget Neff, Marlon Bellante, Mallory Bellante, Mara Snyder, Tuan Van. (Bottom row left to right) Maria Lopez, Rudy Reyes.

Davee Fund Offers Scholarships for Burn Survivors

If you are a burn survivor and live within the Burn Institute's service area, you may be eligible for the Burn Institute's Scholarship Program through the Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund.

After a burn injury has occurred, burn survivors often times must endure endless follow up treatments, which may require special medical and rehabilitation equipment that is not covered by insurance. These out of pocket expenses can sometimes add up and sometimes families have to put off college plans to pay for immediate medical needs.

The Burn Institute understands this kind of financial hardship and has created a program to help children further their educational dream.

In 2004, the Institute established the Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund. This fund is vital in ensuring that burn survivors receive the helping hand they need to overcome their devastating injuries. From initial services and funding to help burn survivors survive the initial burn trauma, to far reaching programs that will positively impact children for the rest of their lives, the Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund creates a lasting legacy to support burn survivors in our community. And part of that legacy includes an exciting scholarship program for burn-injured children.



The Jerry & Carolyn DAVEE FUND

The scholarship program helps eligible young burn survivors receive assistance to help fund their educational goals. In addition to providing scholarships, funds donated to the Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund can also be directed towards *Camp Beyond The Scars* for burn-injured children, the Emergency Needs and Special Assistance Fund or Burn Research and Treatment.

Generous contributions from dedicated donors will help keep this fund available for decades to come. For information about the scholarship program or for information about the Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund, call the **Burn Institute** at (858) 541-2277. ♡

Your gift of \$300 will sponsor a burn-injured child to attend winter *Camp Beyond the Scars* for three days.

\$300

6 EVENTS



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



(Left to right) Frank Rodriguez, Ron Mispagel, Jan Gosewisch and Steve Klemetson

Fire Chiefs Take to the Links for Burn-Injured Children

Hosted by the San Diego Fire Protection Association, Presented by Craig A. Edwards Rancho Santa Fe Insurance, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Sycuan

On September 13, The Crosby at Rancho Santa Fe was filled with a sold out field of golfers for the 15th Annual San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association Golf Tournament. Hosted by the San Diego Fire Protection Association and presented by Craig A. Edwards Rancho Santa Fe Insurance, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, and Sycuan, the tournament raised nearly \$50,000 for the important work of the Burn Institute.

Chief Mitch Villalpando from the Sycuan Fire Department chaired this year's event with his golf committee which included: Chief Rick Henson,

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; Chief Bill Metcalf, North County Fire Protection District; Valerie Nellis, Heartland Communications Fire Authority; Chief Doug Perry, Chula Vista Fire Department; Chief Scott Walker, Bonita Sunnyside Fire Protection District; and Chief Erwin Willis (ret.), Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

The San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all the committee members, sponsors, players, participants, volunteers and auction donors who made this event a success. ♡

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Firefighters Enjoy A Day on the Greens



In keeping with Master's tradition, the first place winners were each awarded a green jacket. (Left to right) Rick Henson, James Floros, Mark Waters, Loren Kramer.

Green was the theme for the Inaugural Fire on The Fairways Golf Tournament held at the Bonita Golf Club on October 3. Nearly 100 golfers took to the fairways for this wacky spoof on the Master's Tournament. The day was filled with plenty of fun activities including the "Pink Lady" golf ball contest. The first place winners were awarded painted green "turnout" jackets and a traveling leather fire helmet trophy. First place winners will return in 2006 to defend their championship title and their green jackets.

Sponsored by the San Diego-Imperial County Firefighters Advisory Council to the Burn Institute, the tournament raised plenty of "green" for the Burn Institute—more than \$8,000 to be exact. A very special thank you to all the committee members for their volunteer efforts: Captain Doug Elliott, El Cajon Fire Department; Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Chumbley, Poway Fire Department; Captain Tim Dibsie, Santee Fire Department; Captain Daryn Drum, Lemon Grove Fire Department; Captain Tom Ferguson, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District; Engineer Mark Waters, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. ♡

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Burn Institute Honors A Dozen Heroes



Nearly 300 guests gathered at Pechanga Resort & Casino on November 15 for the Second Annual Burn Institute-Inland Empire Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet. Twelve individuals were honored for their bravery in risking their life in an attempt to save another from burn injury or death by fire. The evening also featured an exciting silent auction, with the proceeds benefiting the Burn Institute-Inland Empire. More than \$40,000 was raised for the Institute's important work in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

A very special thank you to Pechanga Resort & Casino, KCBS Meteorologist Henry DiCarlo, Pechanga Fire Chief Ed McOrmond, event chair, and Denise Cates, co-chair. ♡



(Left to right) Sheriff Bob Doyle and Denise Cates.

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(Left to right) Miriam Happe, third place winner; David Happe, first place winner, Anthony DiAngelo, second place winner.

Poker Tourney Yields Happy Couple

One thing is certain, two of the nearly 100 registered poker players left quite happy from the Inaugural Texas No Limit Hold' Em Poker Tournament hosted by the San Diego-Imperial County Fire Fighters Advisory Council to the Burn Institute. Husband and wife took first and third place winning more than \$1,000 in cash.

The tournament, held at Viejas Casino, included a dinner buffet and prizes for the top ten finalists. The fourth place winner took home a beautiful poker table graciously donated by Olhausen, and the top three players won cash prizes.

A special thank you to Viejas and Buffalo Bill's Poker.com for their support. The tournament, held on November 10, raised more than \$4,000 to benefit the Burn Institute. ♠

PAULA WERNECKE

Volunteer Spotlight

Paula Wernecke has been volunteering with the Burn Institute for more than three years, and she always brings a her warm smile with her. Her volunteer efforts with the Burn Institute began when she helped out at the San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association Annual Golf Tournament. Paula is no stranger to the fire service. Her late husband, San Miguel Fire Captain John Wernecke, was in the fire service for 33 years.



Our end of the year Volunteer Highlight spotlights Paula Wernecke.

In addition to volunteering for various golf tournaments, Paula also volunteers for Day at the Docks, the Share Your Heart Auction, Wine Tasting and Casino Night, Fire Prevention Week Open Houses and the annual Fire Expo held each year at Qualcomm Stadium. For the first time, this past summer, Paula served as a camp counselor at the Institute's *Camp Beyond The Scars*.

When asked why she enjoys volunteering for the Burn Institute, Paula replied "It's rewarding and fun."

When Paula is not busy helping others, she likes to quilt, read and is interested in photography.

Paula, the Burn Institute salutes you for making a difference! ♠

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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

14th Annual Share Your Heart Auction, Wine Tasting and Casino Night
Saturday, February 11, 2006

San Diego Hall of Champions Sports Museum

We are looking for volunteers!

If you would like be a part of this spectacular event, contact **Kathleen Frampton** at **(858) 541-2277**.

2006 EVENT CALENDAR

**Winter Camp Beyond The Scars/
Retreat For Adult Burn Survivors**

January 15-17

Camp Oakbridge, Ramona

**14th Annual Share Your Heart Auction,
Wine Tasting & Casino Night**

February 11

San Diego Hall of Champions

**California Society of Healthcare Engineers
Annual Golf Tournament To Benefit The
Burn Institute**

March 20

Eastlake Country Club, Chula Vista

6th Annual Fire Ball

March 24

Barbara Worth Resort, Holtville

**"Give Burns The Boot"
Countywide Firefighter Boot Drive**

Spring 2006 TBD

Firefighter Night at the Padres

Spring 2006 TBD

Petco Park

FIRE EXPO 2006

July 22

Qualcomm Stadium

For more information, call **(858) 541-2277** or visit us online at **www.burninstitute.org**.

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A \$150 gift provides a juvenile firesetter intervention to teach children the dangerous consequences of playing with fire.

\$150

Programs and Services

Fire and Burn Prevention Education

- Burni the Dragon's Preschool Fire & Burn Prevention Program
- Let's Stay Safe From Fires & Burns Puppet Show
- Stop Fires and Burns
- Burns are Serious Business
- Child Care Burn Prevention
- Juvenile Firesetter Program
- Senior Fire Safety & Smoke Detector Program
- First Responder Smoke Detector Program
- Wildfire Program
- Fire Safety Training Program (Nominal Fee)

Burn Research

- Funding Vital Burn Research and Treatment

Burn Survivor Support

- Camp Beyond the Scars for Burn-Injured Children
- Retreat For Adult Burn Survivors
- Holiday Party for Burn Survivors
- Burn Survivor Emergency Needs Fund
- Special Assistance Fund
- School Re-Entry Program
- Monthly Outings

Community Service

- **Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet**
- Fire and Burn Prevention Literature
- Public Service Announcements
- Speakers Bureau

i Program Highlight Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

The Burn Institute's Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet honors individuals in our community who have risked their own lives in an effort to save another from burn injury or death by fire. Citizens are nominated by local fire service and law enforcement agencies.

The 33rd Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet will be held on **Thursday, May 25, 2006** at the **Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina**.

For information on how to nominate a hero or to sponsor this event, please contact **Rosella Aplin** at **(858) 541-2277 x17**.

Beacon Bits

♣ The Institute would like to welcome new Support Services Coordinator Julie Walker and new Community Outreach Specialist Tally Benton. Welcome to the Burn Institute Family!

♣ In the Fall 2005 issue of the Burn Institute Beacon, on Page 3, the Borrego Springs Fire Department was accidentally omitted from the First Responder Smoke Alarm participant list.



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Test Your Holiday BI-IQ...

Do you think you know all there is to know about Holiday fire and burn safety? Below are some questions to test your fire safety IQ. Take this short quiz and then log onto www.burninstitute.org for the answers. ♣

1. **True/False** It is O.K. to fall asleep with candles lit as long as they are sitting on a ceramic plate.
2. **True/False** It is O.K. to burn wrapping paper and pine boughs in your fireplace.
3. **True/False** It is O.K. to leave your dried out Christmas tree inside the house as long as you don't turn on the tree lights.
4. **True/False** All holiday lights are safe to use as long as they are brand new.
5. **True/False** If you sustain a burn injury you should quickly cool the burn under cool running water.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Saturday, February 11, 2006

San Diego Hall of Champions Sports Museum

Info: **(858) 541-2277 x20**



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