Fire Safety Starts With You

Fires are very dangerous and scary. Children do not like to talk about fires because people get hurt or things get burned up. But they can feel better if they are prepared. That is the reason why Eggers Funeral Home & Crematory sponsored a presentation for the local children on October 4-10, 2009, entitled "Fire Safety Starts With You" held at the Chesnee Community Fire Department.

This year the children learned that it is not safe to have radios or other electrical items around water, not to leave unattended food cooking on the stove and never to play with matches or lighters. They were taught about developing and practicing a family home escape plan with two exits out of each room and to always make note of where the exits are. If their clothing catches fire, don't run! Stop, drop, and roll. In smoke conditions, they are to cover their mouths and noses with a cloth and crawl low to the nearest exit. Never open a door without checking it for heat or to see if smoke is leaking in around the edges. Never call the fire department from inside a burning home - even if it seems momentarily safe. Meet at a designated spot outside, send someone to call from a neighbor's house and never re-enter a burning home. Many deaths occur because people go back. They were also taught about the smoke alarms placed in their homes and how to keep them up to date. All of us need to learn how to protect ourselves and family members from the hazards of fire.

A meal was provided for the children and gifts, which consisted of a fire helmet, water cup, a Prevent Home Fires coloring book, etc., were given to the children.

Chesnee Community Fire Department, an all volunteer organization, has been serving our community since 1942, protecting approximately 6000 residents in a 20 square mile area with a total strength of 28 personnel. Matt Scruggs, an employee of Eggers Funeral Home & Crematory, serves as Captain and has been a volunteer since 1998.

On December 15, 2009, the Chesnee Community Fire Department invited Eggers Funeral Home & Crematory to attend their Awards Night. John and Betty Eggers were presented with a plaque in appreciation for their loyal support and their contribution to the fire prevention program.