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Fire Safety Workshop featuring Dr. Robert Cole, leading fire safety expert

(Olathe, KS) September 27, 2017 - According to a 2014 study, children playing leads to 49,300 reported fires every year. Out of those fires, 7,700 of them occur at home and 1 in 8 of these residential fires kills or injures someone. play safe! be safe! is a workshop that aims to teach those who care for young kids about the unique set of challenges that arise when talking to young children about fire safety.

The workshop leader, Dr. Robert Cole, is available for media interviews on Friday, October 6th.

WHO:  This program is led by Dr. Robert Cole, a Clinical Associate Professor at the University Of Rochester Medical Center School Of Nursing and one of the nation’s leading experts on child fire safety.

WHAT:  The play safe! be safe! Fire Safety Workshop is presented by BIC, Fireproof Children, Children’s Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Safe Kids Johnson County, Charlie’s House, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment’s Childcare Licensing Division and Farmers Insurance.

WHEN:  Saturday, October 7, 2017; 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE:  Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
11811 S Sunset Drive, Room 1070/1075, Olathe, KS 66061

DETAILS:  Specifically geared towards safety educators, teachers, childcare providers, and community agencies, the workshop uses statistics gathered by the National Fire Protection Agency to give participants a better understanding of how young children understand and react to fire. BIC provides a play safe! be safe! multimedia kit to help attendees understand the dangers associated with children and fire, and to bring a greater awareness of fire prevention methods and safety skills.

Cost is $5 for childcare providers, teachers and the general public, $15 for 4 nursing and social worker continuing education units. Childcare providers will receive 3.25 clock hours. For more information, contact Katie Schatte, Safe Kids Johnson County coordinator at katie.schatte@jocogov.org

About play safe! be safe!: This award-winning fire safety program was developed by BIC Corporation, located in Shelton, CT in cooperation with educators and fire safety experts. Since its introduction in 1994, BIC Corporation has distributed more than over 115,575 play safe! be safe! kits, and has sponsored fire safety training workshops in nearly all U.S. states and Canadian provinces. For more information, visit http://www.playsafesafesafe.com/

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