

FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

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INJURY PREVENTION TRAINING

Injury Prevention Daily Quick Drills - Easy Access to Training Topics

Answering the Timeless Questions

References:

Delmar Fire and Life Safety Educator, pages 208 - 210

Note:

During public education training sessions, firefighters are often faced with a gambit of questions that sometimes catch them off guard.

The Dalmatian – these beloved dogs were bred to take to the streets and make sure that they were safe for the horse-drawn companies. History also tells us that they slept near the horses and alerted the owners if a would be thief was in the area. Benjamin Franklin is credited with bringing Dalmatians into the firehouse.



Fire Plugs – During the 1800's, most water mains were made of hollowed-out logs. To access their water, firefighters had to dig down and drill a hole into the wood to access the water. The "Plugs" were then used to stop the flow of water after the fire was extinguished.



Fire Marks – These markings were affixed to the outside of homes and businesses. They were insurance markings and let firefighters know what homes their fire company protected. If the building did not have a fire mark, the fire company would let it burn.

