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's Don (Mike) had brought him to the fire station on 5/26/18 right after the incident had occurred. Mike worked as a fireman coach at Ecker Hill Middle School in Park City, UT, which happens to be within walking distance to Fire Station 35.

I was on duty on this particular day so the initial interview was done by my Captain Ron Patner. The report was that Ryan had been out behind the school playing in the field. He had 2 other friends with him. The other friends were on the field and Ryan was playing in the brush.

Ryan explained that he was certain that what would happen was a simple game of hide and seek. Ryan explained that he was certain and wouldn't see what would happen, no matter what he did. He didn't expect it to grow or spread out like it did. He was surprised, confused and surprised to hear what happened with the navigation.}

Ryan was told that someone saw Ryan out, playing with matches. Mike started asking questions about the fire. The fire had spread quickly and the trees were being damaged. He did not want to get involved. Mike went out with Ryan, made a plan to get out and brought him back to the fire station.

When Ryan was back, Captain Patner explained the dangers of playing with fire, the consequences of the fire and how to make Ryan a better citizen by fighting the fire. He did not want to get involved with the fire.

On 5/27/18, Ryan and Mike went into the station to further discuss the interview. I explained to the both of them that I had an interview. Ryan was very upset about the incident and wanted to be involved in the process. He wanted to be involved and said he would do anything to help.

He 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.

He began telling Captain Patner 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 his shoulder while he was at the sink washing his hands. He became scared, pushed 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. He 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 practiced self-defense moves in his room when he's alone.

He reason for telling us his story was because he was seeking advice on how to handle a situation like that should it occur again in the future.
CASE STUDY #1 JOSH

- Confidentiality of information.
- Release of liability.
- Release of information.
CASE STUDY #2 ZACHARY

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