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Firies go back to school to teach Kindy Kids

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Firefighters from ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R) have started rolling out their fire safety campaign for kindergarten children across schools in the ACT visiting Duffy Primary School today to launch the program for 2014.

“It’s never too early to learn about fire safety in the home,” ACTF&R Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

“Every school in the ACT is invited to participate and have a fire truck with firefighters visit their school during Term 3,” he said.

“For some time now the ACTF&R fire safety education campaign has been a major part of getting the message across to our younger members of the community.

“Firefighters liaise with teachers and kindergarten children over a 45 minute period teaching fire safety and breaking down any barriers that youngsters may have if firefighters are called to a home.

“The fire education campaign is broken up into five parts:

- Learning about the importance of telephoning Emergency Triple Zero (000);
- Stop, drop and roll when clothing is on fire;
- Get down low and go-go-go, when smoke enters a home;
- The difference between good fires and bad fires; and
- Firefighters are your friends – Meeting firefighters who are dressed in Personal Protective Equipment including a helmet and mask.

“Of course, having the kindergarten children play on a fire truck is popular and this is also part of the program allowing close interaction with the equipment that is used to save lives at scenes of fires.”