Dayna Hilton joined the fire service in August 2000. As a **second generation firefighter**, she is Executive Director of the Keep Kids Fire Safe® Foundation, owner of Firehouse Dog Publishing, LLC® and the author of the children's fire safety book and audio book, ***Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog***. Hilton is the host of *askafirefighter.net*, *firesafetyeducator.com, Safety Talk™ Radio* and the *Playing it Safe Blog* on Firehouse.com. An avid blogger, Hilton hosts numerous other fire safety-related blogs.

Hilton, a certified Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II and Firefighter II, serves on the Arkansas Fire Prevention Commission, is a deputy fire marshal for the State of Arkansas and serves on several national fire service committees. Hilton is an adjunct instructor for the Arkansas Fire Academy and a contract instructor for the National Fire Academy. She is the state educator contact for NFPA for the state of Arkansas, a member of the Home Safety Council's Expert Network and a Firehouse.com Contributing Editor.

Her award winning children's fire safety book, ***Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog,*** was honored to have been **mentioned on the Floor of Congress** in March 2009 and was **mentioned in a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Community Preparedness Sub-Committee in June 2008.** Hilton's fire safety efforts were **recognized on the Arkansas House of Representative Floor** in November 2009. *Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog* is **featured in the Home Safety Council's "Start Safe" pre-school curriculum** and **Oklahoma State University's Fire Protection Publication's Fire Safety for Young Children curriculum.**

Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog is the most current children's fire safety book and audio book on the market and has been **credited with saving the lives of two adults and seven children.**

Hilton's fire safety programming has been recognized nationally, and she is the recipient of the **2009 National Fire Protection Association Educator of the Year Award**, was a **2009 Energizer Keep it Going Semi-Finalist**, a **2007 Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation Hero**, and the recipient of the **2006 National Volunteer Fire Council Fire Prevention Award.**

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Under her guidance, her fire department has been honored with the Gold 2006 and 2007 President's Volunteer Service Award, and the Daily Point of Light Award as the Nation's Volunteers of the Day on June 8, 2006 by the Points of Light Foundation.

Hilton's fire departments fire safety efforts have been featured in a U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response meeting, a U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation meeting, to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and in two reports to the White House.

President George H.W. Bush invited Hilton to attend the Points of Light Foundation's Presidential Forum on Service in 2009 and a photo of Hilton and her fire safety dog photo appeared on the jumbotron in Times Square and in Las Vegas. In 2006, Hilton and her fire safety dogs participated in a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill.

She has authored articles for Fire Engineering Magazine, Fire Chief Magazine, the National Fire Protection Association Journal, Firehouse.com, FIDO Friendly Magazine and has participated in numerous fire safety related podcasts.

During 2006 Fire Prevention Week, Hilton and her dogs, Sparkles and Spanner, hosted "Fire Safety Tips" on the 24-hour preschool television network, Sprout®. Hilton, known as Firefighter Dayna® to millions of children and their caregivers, has appeared for three years on Sprout. During 2009, Hilton appeared on Sprout's Sunny Side Up Show during Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by State Farm Insurance.. One of Hilton's fire safety craft projects was featured on the show and currently appears on the Sprout website along with other activity sheets designed by Hilton.

Assisting Comcast in the fire safety content of the Sprout website, her efforts reach children online ages 2-5 and their parents and caregivers. In September 2006, she appeared live on FOX and Friends in New York City promoting fire safety, reaching almost one million viewers.

In 2007, after a national "Star Search" of Public Fire Educators by the Research Division of Fire Protection Publications at Oklahoma State University, Hilton was chosen to play the female lead in the educational video, Presenting Fire Safety Messages to Young Children.

Hilton's latest role is that of the Executive Director of the Keep Kids Fire Safe™ Foundation. The foundation provides elementary school districts and other not-for-profit entities, fire departments and other safety related organizations throughout the United States, with free or low cost fire safety materials.

An advocate for promoting fire safety, Hilton finds it her life's passion to help keep everyone fire safe.