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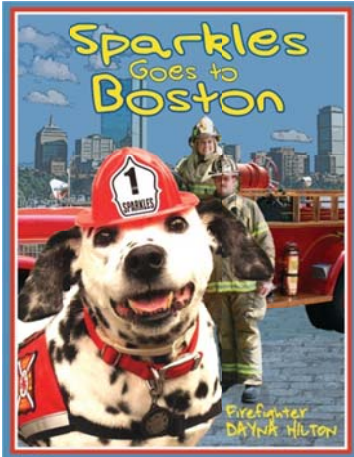
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Southborough Fire Department Location of Children's Book Release

Clarksville, AR- Southborough Fire Department (MA) is the location of the release of the new children's picture book, *Sparkles Goes to Boston*, by Firehouse Dog Publishing. Firefighter and nationally recognized fire safety expert, Dayna Hilton, known as "Firefighter Dayna" to millions of children and their caregivers, is a critically acclaimed multi-award-winning author. Hilton and her Dalmatian, Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog, have been credited with helping save several lives.

For almost a decade, Hilton and her fire safety dogs have made it their mission to save lives, reduce injuries and decrease property loss from fire. In recent years, she and her fire safety dogs have concentrated their fire safety efforts on children and their caregivers. According to the National Fire Protection Association, children under the age of five are at much greater risk of fire-related deaths than others. The group accounts for 11% of fire-related deaths~ the highest population for any age group.

Over three years in the making, the anticipated release of this second in the series of the adventures of Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog, the book's main characters are Lt. Jim Peltier, Sparkles and Hilton. Chief John Mauro, firefighters from the department and area children are also featured in the fun and educationally sound fire safety book. The book, which chronicles Sparkles' big trip to visit Firefighter Jim at the fire station, includes age appropriate fire safety tips based on Oklahoma State University Fire Protection Publication's comprehensive preschool curriculum project for young children.

Hilton credits Peltier's son, Steven, and the PBS KIDS Sprout fire safety tips (featuring Hilton and her fire safety dogs) for bringing Peltier and Hilton's two worlds together when the two met at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Hilton, a volunteer firefighter from a small rural department in Arkansas, and Peltier, a Lieutenant at the Southborough Fire Department outside of Boston, have since assisted each other with various fire safety efforts.

Hilton and Sparkles made the 1,500 mile journey to Massachusetts from Arkansas in 2008. Photos for the book took over three weeks due to Peltier's very busy schedule at the fire department.

The book event will be held at the Southborough Fire Department, 21 Main Street, Saturday, October 16th. Hilton and her fire safety dogs, Peltier, Mauro, firefighters and children in the book will be in attendance signing copies of the book from 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Keep Kids Fire Safe Foundation and the Southborough Fire Department's fire safety education program.

For more information on *Sparkles Goes to Boston*, visit www.sparklesgoestoboston.com.

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Firehouse Dog Publishing's mission is to save lives, reduce injuries and decrease property loss from fire by providing fun and educationally sound materials.

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