

# **New Bedford Fire Department uses S.A.F.E. grant to purchase inflatable fire education house**

"We are excited to announce that with S.A.F.E. Grant funding from the Department of Fire Services the New Bedford Fire Department has purchased an inflatable fire education house aimed at teaching young children.

In spite of it looking like a bouncy house on the outside, it is equipped with hard flooring throughout so children aren't distracted from the real reason they are in there – to learn valuable fire education.

Firefighter Anthony Poente oversees the department's S.A.F.E. Program. Members of the SAFE Program visit the City's schools & senior centers to teach fire education. Firefighter Anthony thought this inflatable house would be a fun and interactive way to educate the students of our community.

The 2nd grade students of St. Teresa of Calcutta School were the first to try out the new inflatable. A big thank you to Ms. Macedo, Ms. Germano, their chaperones, and the 2nd grade students for visiting us today!!!"-New Bedford Fire Department.

**All photos by the New Bedford Fire Department:**

