HHFD helps local students feel safe

Safety assembly Friday shows elementary kids FD 'is here to help'

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COVENTRY — Firefighters from Hopkins Hill Fire District recently paid a visit to students at Hopkins Hill Elementary School to educate them about the importance of being safe in their homes and telling their parents if they see anything they feel could be dangerous.

Captain Brad Anderson explained how the firefighters reiterate the stop, drop and roll direction in the event smoke begins to fill a room at the assembly last Friday.

"We tell them to talk about having a meeting place and a plan to escape the home in the event of fire and to check the batteries on both the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly," he said.

Anderson said as the years pass and the students

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Hopkins Hill Fire District Private Cross Patenaude gets down to give students at Hopkins Hill Elementary an up-close-and-personal look at him in his gear at a fire prevention and safety assembly last Friday.

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Hopkins Hill Elementary students surround HHFD Private

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get older, he does see the message clicking, and students come up with some very good questions.

"We also have the guys put on the gear so the kids will know what it looks like and we let them touch it so they know even more not to be afraid of it because it can be pretty scary for a kid in a bad situation, to see that," Anderson said. "We let them touch the helmets as well and teach them to go toward the men in the big gear. They're there to help."