

# READ A TIME LINE

**DIRECTIONS:** Learn about some of the great fire-safety moments in history. Read the time line. Then answer the questions.

1. How many years ago was the first Fire Prevention Week? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many years were there between the sounding of the first citywide fire alarm and the invention of the first battery-operated smoke alarm? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How old is Sparky the Fire Dog®? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you think will be the next great fire-safety invention? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Write a few sentences about your idea.  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_



## HISTORY OF FIRE SAFETY

**1850s**

Horse-drawn steam pumper trucks are introduced to America.



**1852**

The first citywide fire alarm sounds in Boston, Massachusetts

**1890**

The smoke alarm is invented by Francis Robbins Upton

**1922**

The first Fire Prevention Week is held.



**1951**

Sparky the Fire Dog® is born on March 18 in Boston, Massachusetts

**1969**

The first battery-operated smoke alarm is invented.



**Sparky.org**

launches a new game called Crack the Code. Kids can now be part of Sparky's Secret Safety Society.

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