



**Keith Ramsay, Richland Fire Department public education specialist, and “Rodney the Rabbit” talk about fire safety at Safe Kids Saturday. A recent \$500 grant from CH2M HILL Hanford Group’s Administrative Accident Prevention Council, with other area funding, will help support several community safety programs.**

## **CH2M HILL safety council grant helps with community safety education**

Last year, CH2M HILL Hanford Group awarded each of the company’s safety councils \$500 after company employees reached the 2-million-work-hour safety mark. The use of the \$500 was left up to each safety council.

The Administrative Accident Prevention Council found a safety-related use for their \$500 — they donated it to the Richland Fire Department. The \$500 will help fund such safety programs as Risk Watch, an injury-prevention program for kids under 16, as well as home safety inspections and the purchase of bicycle helmets and life jackets. Presentations on fire safety are made at each of the community’s elementary schools and events such as Safe Kids Saturday, using a 45-minute magic and ventriloquism show.

“We strive to provide cutting-edge, dynamic safety-education programs to the community,” said Keith Ramsay, public education specialist with the Richland Fire Department. “For the number and quality of safety programs offered through our local effort, they’re regarded by many as some of the best in the nation, while relying completely on outside funding. We are incredibly grateful for the \$500 grant.” ■