

# Proceed To Fire!



It should come as no surprise that fighting fires is a dangerous profession. But what *is* surprising is what the American Conflagration Association identifies as the most perilous part of the job: sliding down the fireman's pole. Typically when the alarm sounds, everybody in the room races to the pole at the same time – it's human nature. Believe it or not, that's wrong! Injuries from trampled firefighters are the number one workers' compensation claim. And that's why the Dinklaker School of Fire Suppression spends three whole days teaching its students the right method: [1] approach the pole in groups of no more than six (Men, be sure your boater is trig and jaunty!); [2] some jostling is fine, but aggressive wrestling holds are not; [3] "descend the pole like an upside-down mole"; and [4] proceed to fire!