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Fire Protection Resource Library

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Fire Prevention Week: October 5th - 11th

Fire Prevention Week 2014 is fast approaching. This week is important to the fire service because the more fires that can be prevented means less loss of life and property. As the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This year's theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The fire burned for two days, on October 8th and 9th, killing 1,152 people and destroying 17,500 buildings. The majority of the damage occurred on the 9th before the fire was contained. As a result, in an effort to teach the general public about the importance of fire prevention, a presidential order was signed declaring the week on which

October 9th falls as Fire Prevention Week.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has valuable resources available for planning activities around this week-long event. Many of these resources are specifically geared toward school-aged children. If your department is scheduled to give a presentation at a local school, you may benefit from using these resources. Additionally, if your fire department has a "free smoke detector" program and you are seeing a lack of community response, you might want to plan a tie-in with next month's Fire Prevention Week theme. NFPA.org's online resources may also be useful in developing or refining a new or existing "free smoke detector" program. (See sidebar for links.)

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Training Videos

FIRE ALARM TESTING

AV00-1463 Date Acquired: 5/9/2002
Length: 19:00 Format: VHS
Author: ITS

Designed to inform fire alarm inspectors and their supervisors about the importance of transmitting prompt alarms in minimizing the loss of life and property caused by fires. In addition to focusing on the types of alarm systems found in commercial and industrial facilities, the program reviews the procedures for operating and testing these alarms.

FIRE'S FURY

AV05-1897 Date Acquired: 8/16/2005
Length: 15:00 Format: DVD
Author: NFPA

This DVD shows the devastating reality of a candle fire. It tells the personal story of one family's narrow escape after a candle fire rages out of control and engulfs their home in smoke and flames. It emphasizes how a small fire can grow to life-threatening proportions in minutes, and the importance of smoke alarms in saving lives. It outlines the basics of a home escape plan and shows how an unattended candle or heat producing appliance can lead to major consequences. A presenter's guide accompanies the DVD, which can be used to promote the 2005 Fire Prevention Week

theme--'Use Candles with Care'. (2005)

SMOKE ALARMS: A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!

AV11-2482 Date Acquired: 4/21/2011
Length: 12:00 Format: DVD
Author: NFPA

NFPA's clever new Video mixes live footage and animation in a reality TV show format to make the case for smoke alarms. The action unfolds during an episode of the 'Fire Drill Show' in which Firefighter Jeff, the Drill Sergeant -- assisted by his animated Smoke Alarm Squad -- pays a visit to the Johnson family for a surprise fire safety and smoke alarm inspection and makeover. You'll be amazed at how many topics are covered in such a short amount of time -- and in such an entertaining way! (all ages, c2010).

THE SMOKE ALARM SHOW

AV11-2486 Date Acquired: 4/22/2011
Length: 12:00 Format: DVD
Author: NFPA

Deliver essential smoke alarm facts with this imaginative video 'ed-venture' for all ages! Energize your fire safety presentations with NFPA's video, The Smoke Alarm Show! Two young students are heading home to work on their report about smoke alarms, when a push of the

button transports them inside the alarm. There they meet several larger-than-life characters who explain how smoke alarms work and the right way to install, test, and maintain them. Here's how The Smoke Alarm Show helps you save lives in your community: Reflects the latest thinking on smoke alarm placement inside and outside bedrooms, interconnected alarm systems, and the necessity of replacing all smoke alarms every ten years; Encourages kids to work with their parents to test and maintain alarms in their home; Highlights smoke alarms as one part of a complete home fire escape plan that includes regular drills for the whole family. Suitable for a wide range of outreach activities, The Smoke Alarm Show is ideal for fire department open houses, classroom presentations, and year-round use by community and civic groups. (Grades 3-6, Family, c2004).

DETECTOR PROTECTORS

AV92-0250 Date Acquired: 1/1/2001
Length: 15:00 Format: VHS
Author: SYNDISTAR

A video designed to teach young people about smoke detectors, how they work, how they are properly maintained and what to do if the alarm sounds.

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