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Falmouth Fire-EMS Promotes Fire Safety with Annual Open House Event

On Saturday October 13th Falmouth Fire-EMS will host our annual Open House. The Open House is part of National Fire Prevention Week, which runs this year from October 7th – 13th. Falmouth Fire-EMS is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Look, Listen, and Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere.' During this year's fire safety campaign, the fire department will be spreading the word about the importance of looking for places a fire can start, listen for the sound of a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm, and learn two ways out of reach room. We will talk about having working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, having an evacuation plan and a meeting place to go to when you hear the alarm, and learn about how you can prevent fires by not leaving food cooking unattended in the kitchen.

According to the latest NFPA research, the fire death rate (per 1000 home fire reported) was 10 percent higher in 2016 versus 1980 (www.NFPA.org). Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

The Open House will be held at the Central Fire Station at 8 Bucknam Road from 9 am to 12 pm. Falmouth Fire-EMS is again partnering with Falmouth Community Programs for a Touch-A-Truck event. In addition to fire trucks and ambulances, there will also be an excavator, dump truck, 18-wheeler, and a monster truck that kids can climb on and inspect. There will be a short ceremony at 10 am to present the winners in the annual Fire Safety Calendar contest, where 2nd graders at Falmouth Elementary School draw posters with fire safety messages on them. We will present the calendars to the public and will also display all of the 2nd grade posters on the training room wall. The event is free to the public and there will be refreshments provided.

Falmouth Fire-EMS spends Fire Prevention Week each year visiting day cares and schools throughout the town promoting fire safety. Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country and is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

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