

Homeowners Association Update – October 2015

Fire Prevention Week – October 4th-10th

*This year's theme, **Hear the Beep, Where You Sleep – Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm***

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get out quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper placement of the alarm.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS:

- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- Roughly two out of 3 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.

TEST YOURS EVERY MONTH.

Significant Alarms:

- On September 16th Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department responded to a fully involved residential building fire on the 3300 block of NE 11th St. All residents were able to evacuate the structure and there were no injuries.
- On September 10th Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department responded to a smoke detector alarm activation on the 600 block of SW 41st St. Upon arrival it was determined that the alarm was for a room in the facility designated the “toxic gas room”. The incident was upgraded to a hazmat response. Entry to the room was made and the gas was successfully shut off. It was later determined that there was a faulty smoke detector in the room.
- On September 5th Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department responded to a fully involved residential building fire on the 2800 block of NE 12th St. Residents were able to evacuate but there was one injury which required transportation to the hospital. The Red Cross was called in for assistance for 3 displaced adults.
- On September 26th Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department responded to a residential fire on the 16200 block of 114th Ave SE. Smoke was seen coming from the structure upon arrival. The building was an abandoned building. . People were seen running from the building before flames were spotted by witnesses. The fire was extinguished and there were no injuries.