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South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors Pass Resolution Officially Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Centennial, Colo. — (October 5, 2021) — The South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) Board of Directors passed a resolution formally proclaiming the week of October 3–9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and urges all citizens of the District to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the District’s fire and emergency services.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the devastating 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2000 acres.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national fire prevention day proclamation, and since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. This is the longest-running public health and safety observance in our country. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Fire continues to be a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. This week is an official recognition of the importance education has on the community members and citizens to mitigate risks and protect lives and property.

The 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Residents should continue to plan and practice a home fire escape plan, and ensure that there are good, working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms throughout their homes.

To see the full resolution that SMFR Board of Directors passed, please see the [resolution here](#).

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About South Metro Fire Rescue

South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) is committed to helping the community it serves, including nearly 300 square miles in Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties. With 30 stations in the south metro area, South Metro provides emergency and prevention services to approximately 540,000 residents and thousands more who come into our communities to work. Specifically, South Metro Fire Rescue serves the cities of Bow Mar, Castle Pines, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Columbine Valley, Foxfield, Greenwood Village, Littleton, Lone Tree, Parker, Castle Pines Village Highlands Ranch and Louviers. South Metro also responds to incidents in its 12 municipalities including Centennial Airport, the Denver Tech Center, Inverness, Meridian Office Park as well as unincorporated portions of Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties. For more information, please visit <http://www.southmetro.org>.