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As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the Macedonia Fire Department reminds residents that

“Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

5pm to 8pm

The Macedonia Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2022. This year’s FPW campaign, **“Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape”**, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

“Today’s homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

The Macedonia Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme.

“It’s important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different,” said Paul Celinski, Assistant Chief. “Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!”

Macedonia Fire Department wants to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

The Macedonia Fire Department is hosting an Open House in support of this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”, the event will be on **Thursday, October 13th from 5pm to 8pm** at Macedonia Fires Station #1 at 9691 Valley View Road, Macedonia 44056. We will have food trucks, fire safety trailer walkthroughs, fire extinguisher demonstrations, a vendor that makes balloon animals, a large Inflatable Fire Truck slide and more.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Macedonia, please contact the Macedonia Fire Department, fire prevention office at (330) 468-8339. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit fpw.org and sparky.org.