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FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PLAN

This issue will guide Oregon fire prevention education through the month of January. The focus of this month is to "Resolve to be Fire Safe." This month's focus is on how to better prepare the home and those who live there to prevent fires.

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## **NOTABLE DATES**

- January 1st: New Year's Day
- January 9th: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 17th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17th 23rd: Community Risk Reduction Week
- January 27th: Oregon Fire Service Appreciation Day
- National Blood Donor Month

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**January 12th, 2022** 

OSFM Fire Prevention Webinar Series Community Risk Reduction Week Spotlight

January 26th, 2022
Webinar
Resolve to be Fire Safe









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#### January 2nd - 8th: Test your smoke and CO alarms.

Encourage people to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If they are outdated or don't work properly, have them replaced.

#### NFPA Messaging: Smoke Alarm Testing

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the internet.

### January 9th - 15th: Purge the clutter and fire danger.

By purging the clutter, it makes your home safer if there is an emergency, but also less likely to have a fire. This includes discarding items from areas near heat sources and cooking areas, clearing pathways to emergency exits, and avoiding tripping hazards around the house.

### January 16th - 22nd: Practice your home escape plan.

Practicing your exit drill ensures everyone in the family knows the plan.

#### NFPA Messaging: Smoke Alarm Testing

- Push the smoke alarm button to start the drill
- Practice what to do in case there is smoke. Get low and go. Get out fast.
- Practice using different ways out.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.
- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets, or things.
- Go to your outside meeting place.
- Practice your home fire escape drill at least twice a year with everyone in your home.
   Practice at night and during the daytime.
- After you have practiced your home fire escape drill, evaluate it and discuss what worked and what needs to be improved. Improve it and practice again.







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### January 17th - 23rd: Community Risk Reduction Week.

CRR Week is a grass-roots effort by an informal group of fire safety professionals from across the nation. The idea is to help promote the awareness of Community Risk Reduction within the fire service by having a week where everyone can do CRR programs and demonstrate its importance to the fire service. (CRRweek.org)

#### The 5 E's of Community Risk Reduction:

- Education
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Emergency Response
- Economic Incentive

#### January 23rd - 29th: Make fire safety #1 on your bucket list.

A new year is a great time to set goals, take on new hobbies, and challenge yourself to tackle new adventures. Consider adding the following items to your list of "must do's" for 2022.

#### 2022 Must Do's:

- Do a home safety check or contact your local fire agency for guidance on making the home a safer place.
- Adding additional smoke alarms to your home where needed, making sure each bedroom has its own alarm in addition to outside of each sleeping space.
- Clear out unnecessary clutter and rearrange furniture to provide wider walk ways.
- While tackling those home improvements, make sure all doors and windows open properly.
- Take your new nightly routine to the next level by making sure floors are free of clutter, toys, and tripping hazards every night before going to bed.
- If a home remodel or new build is on your list for 2022, add a Home Fire Sprinkler system to the plan.





