



Town of Fountain Hills Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Fountain Hills should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Fountain Hills should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Fountain Hills who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Fountain Hills' first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Town residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Linda M. Kavanagh, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2014, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Town of Fountain Hills, and I urge all Town residents to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Fountain Hills' fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

DATED This 2nd day of October, 2014.

Attest:


Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor


Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk