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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN URBANA STARTS WITH FAMILY DAY

The Urbana Fire Department starts National Fire Prevention Week (October 6 – 12, 2024) with their annual event, **Urbana Fire Community Risk Reduction Family Day**, or what is commonly known as "UFD Family Day."

Bring the family and meet-up with neighbors and friends at UFD Family Day which will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 6, 2024, at the Lincoln Square Mall southeast parking lot.

This year's official theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!" Having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half. However, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. More than one-third of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present, according to the National Fire Protection Association. This event will focus on this theme in a family-friendly and fun manner.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the emergency and responder vehicles that will be on hand as part of the TOUCH-A-TRUCK portion of the event, as well as FREE Kona Ice for kids ages 12 and under. There will be delicious fare from Juanito Tacos food truck available, too. Attendees can also sign-up for a free smoke detector, snap pictures and selfies with UFD's family-friendly photo-ops, and much more.

The Urbana Fire Department will address hot topics such as cooking fires, how to handle them, how to get help, and most importantly how to prevent these fires from ever starting. Later UFD will light up the event with a CONTROLLED LIVE FIRE DEMONSTRATION to end the day's festivities (see the video from last year's smoking hot demo here).



We look forward to seeing you there!

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