

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6-12, 2024, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL

WHEREAS, the City of Crest Hill is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city. 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 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires. Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half. Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, Crest Hill residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Crest Hill residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and


WHEREAS, Crest Hill residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month. Residents 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, Crest Hill first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. Crest Hill 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.," serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Therefore, that the Crest Hill Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim
October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Crest Hill Mayor and City Council urge all the residents of Crest Hill to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Crest Hill fire and emergency services.

**Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of Crest Hill
this 7th day of October, 2024.**


Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

