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**CITY OF SYRACUSE TO RECOGNIZE FIRE PREVENTION  
WEEK OCTOBER 8 THROUGH OCTOBER 14**

*Events Held Throughout the Week to Raise Awareness of Fire Safety for Children  
and Families*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The city of Syracuse will recognize the week of October 8 through October 14 as Fire Prevention Week. Part of a national campaign to raise awareness of fire safety among children and families, the Syracuse Fire Department (SFD) will host events throughout the community recognizing the importance of fire safety. Additionally, Mayor Stephanie A. Miner will issue a proclamation recognizing Fire Prevention Week in the city of Syracuse.

“Ensuring Syracuse families are safe in the event of an emergency is a critical priority of the Fire Department,” said **Fire Chief Paul M. Linnertz**. “The best way to save lives is by teaching people what to do before a fire happens.”

The fire department will be holding events throughout the city to educate young people about fire safety and preparedness. The theme of this year’s Fire Prevention Week is “Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out,” to encourage families to have two plans to exit each room in their homes. Events for the week will include:

**Tuesday, October 10: Mock Rescue and Fire Drill at Dr. King Elementary School**

Syracuse firefighters will kick off fire prevention week with the mock rescue of Dr. King Elementary School principal Andrea Ellis-Smith at 9:45 am. The Dr. King School is located at 401 East Raynor Avenue. Following the rescue, Chief Linnertz, Syracuse City School District Superintendent Jaime Alicea, and Principal Ellis-Smith will hold a press conference highlighting Fire Prevention Week.

**Saturday, October 14: Open House at Fire Station 8**

From 11 am to 2 pm the community is welcome to visit Fire Station 8 at 2412 South Salina Street. Educational activities, face painting, games, entertainment, and food will be available. Partners for this event include the Syracuse Police Department, Syracuse City School District, and other fire prevention and community organizations. Otto the Orange, Hector the Smoke Detector, the Crunchman, and Smokey the Bear will be in attendance.

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The Fire Department has also partnered with Onondaga Community College (OCC) Department of Communications for a poster contest for elementary school students who were encouraged to depict what they can do to prevent fires at home and what they should do if there is a fire at home. Their work will be on display throughout the week at the OCC Campus, during the open house at Station 8, and at city hall.

“Fire safety is an important issue in our city, whether it’s on the hill or in the neighborhoods,” said **Professor Mark Muhammad**, of the OCC Department of Communications. “My students and I were honored to work with the Syracuse Fire Department on this event.”

The winning students are:

- Sh’yana Gary, McKinley Brighton Elementary, Division 1
- Mchegumbo Hussein, Dr. King Elementary, Division 2
- Kaidyn Scott, Dr. King Elementary, Division 3
- Nasir Alrobyai, Hughes Elementary, Division 4

Their work can be found at this link: <http://bit.ly/2xo5QzW>

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