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RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS SAVE LIVES; TVF&R TO HOST LIVE FIRE DEMONSTRATION

Fires kill more people in the United States every year than all natural disasters combined. Eighty percent (80%) of all fire deaths occur in the home and involve those least able to quickly escape - young children and senior citizens. Home fire sprinklers, combined with smoke alarms, cut the risk of dying in a home fire by 82% compared to having neither.

This Wednesday, April 27th, at 11:15 am, TVF&R will host a Side-by-Side LIVE Fire and Sprinkler Burn demonstration. The public is invited to the event which includes two structures that simulate the room and contents of a typical home. One of the structures, however, will contain a residential sprinkler system. A fire will be lit in each of the structures to illustrate how quickly fire spreads (flash over) and the value of having a fire sprinkler system installed.

The Side-by-Side Fire and Sprinkler Burn demonstration will take place at TVF&R's Training Center located at 12400 SW Tonquin Road in Sherwood. Over 100 local students will be in attendance at the demonstration. The Side-by-Side Fire and Sprinkler Burn is sponsored by the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC). For more information on home fire sprinkler systems visit HFSC's website at www.homefiresprinkler.org.

The Side-by-Side Fire and Sprinkler Burn Demonstration is part of a weeklong Professional Development Seminar hosted by TVF&R this week (April 25-28). The training is for fire professionals, building inspectors, and plans examiners on topics including fire and life safety provisions of the building code, firefighting access, firefighting water supplies, fire alarm systems, and fire sprinkler systems. TVF&R Fire Marshal Steve Forster states, "This four-day training, which includes several internationally recognized experts, helps ensure fire prevention staff throughout the region are trained on the latest standards and innovations in the industry."

HFSC is the leading resource for independent, non-commercial information about residential fire sprinklers. HFSC was formed in 1996 in response to the tremendous need to inform the public about the life-saving value of home fire sprinkler protection.

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