FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 THROUGH 11, 2014

Chief Joseph Formhals announces all Joliet Fire Stations will be conducting open houses on October 4 and 5, 2014, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM to kick off Fire Prevention Week 2014. Chief Formhal’s encourages all residents and their families to stop by their local fire station to view the stations and vehicles up close. The addresses of the fire stations are listed below:

- Station No. 1  101 East Clinton Street
- Station No. 3  319 Grover Street
- Station No. 4  868 Draper Avenue
- Station No. 5  661 Mason Avenue
- Station No. 6  2049 Oneida Street
- Station No. 7  125 Houbolt Road
- Station No. 8  2293 Essington Road
- Station No. 9  2300 Michas Drive
- Station No. 10  1599 John D. Paige Drive

Fire Prevention Week is to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871, but burned into, and did the most damage, on October 9, 1871. The fire burned out of control those two days, destroying 18,000 buildings valued at $200 million. The fire also left 300 people dead and over 100,000 homeless.

The Theme for 2014 is Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month

- Sixty percent of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- The risk of dying in a reported home fire is cut in half when you have working smoke alarms.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time while battery-powered alarms operated only 79% of the time.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

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