

# MINOOKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# Smoke Signals

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The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.



## Open House

Come out and join us as we kick off Fire Prevention Week 2017 at Fire Station #1 on Saturday, October 7th, 11a-2p. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, hands-on activities, demonstrations put on by our firefighters and great safety information.

## Fire Prevention Week – Oct. 8-14

### Every Second Counts

Consider this scenario: It's 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you awaken to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. What do you do? If you and your family don't have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. That's why

home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.

Developing and practicing a home escape plan is building muscle memory. Pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" works to better educate the public about the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it. The Minooka Fire District is working in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to reinforce those potentially life-saving messages.

## Save the date:

Open House  
Station #1  
October 7  
11a-2p

1st Aid/CPR/AED Class  
November 4  
8am

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NFPA and Minooka Fire District offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with everyone in your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit to your family meeting place.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure your house numbers are clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave. This may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire through out the house.



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PLAN **2** WAYS OUT!™



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