



Proclamation



Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department's core mission includes protecting lives, property, and the community from the destructive effects of all hazards; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue uses a multifaceted community risk reduction model to achieve this mission, which includes education, engineering, fire code enforcement, economic incentives, and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue's 37 first responders responded to 1761 calls for service in fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue has had two promotions to the rank of captain, one promotion to the rank of lieutenant, and two promotions to the rank of driver/operator in the past year; and two employees have completed their fire officer certification, and one has completed the fire inspector certification process; and

WHEREAS, also in fiscal year 2022, Carrboro Fire-Rescue added a water tanker to the fleet to assist with response in areas that do not have access to fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half, and people who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Prevention Association has designated October 9 to 15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week, an annual observance now in its 100th year that will kick off with National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 8 and 9, a tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 9 to 15, 2022, to be Fire Prevention Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to ensure everyone in their home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond, to make a home fire escape plan, and to ensure their smoke alarms are working and meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. I also encourage residents to share their appreciation for Carrboro Fire-Rescue's dedicated first responders and to learn more about the community risk reduction services the department provides.

This the 20th day of September 2022.



Damon Seils
Damon Seils, Mayor