

“Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”

October 6th -12th is designated as Fire Prevention Week this year, and the goal is to raise awareness about fire safety. Education and preparation are key when trying to ensure that your family and your home are protected. Listed below are several things that you can do to help prepare:

- Have a working smoke alarm on every level of the home. It is also important to have one in the kitchen, garage, and near sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries every 6 months.
- Prepare a home escape plan and practice twice a year. Most rooms should have a window and a door that could be used as escape routes.
- Have a designated meeting place a safe distance from the home.

This week, we encourage each of you to talk to your family and prepare a drawing of your home with escape routes. On Saturday October 12th, we ask that you take a few minutes and practice that escape plan. Advance planning can make a lifesaving difference.

Listed are the six volunteer fire departments in Perquimans County that are dedicated to serving their communities: Belvidere Fire Department, Bethel Fire Department, Durants Neck Fire Department, Hertford Fire Department, Inter-County Fire Department and Winfall Fire Department.

