



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **City of Lancaster Supports Fire Prevention Week**

**Lancaster, TX** – According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments respond to roughly 370,000 home structure fires per year. For the year 2013, the City of Lancaster Fire Department responded to 161 fires, and 65 of those were structure fires. The City of Lancaster supports NFPA and Fire Prevention Week by encouraging families to take measures to both prevent and plan for a fire emergency. Fire Prevention Week will begin on Sunday, October 5, 2014 and will go through Saturday, October 11, 2014. This week, as we renew our commitment to fire safety, we thank our courageous first responders for their service and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Fires take more American Lives than all other natural disasters combined. Every home should install working smoke detectors on each level of their home and remember to test them monthly. It is also essential to develop and practice evacuation plans twice a year. Because fire spreads rapidly and poisonous, disorienting smoke moves even quicker, families should design plans that allow for the quickest possible exit.

The City of Lancaster encourages all residents to participate in Fire Prevention Week by visiting, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or by contacting the Lancaster Fire Department at (972) 218-2600 for more information on how to prevent fires and prepare for a fire emergency.

The City of Lancaster invites you to “like” the City on [Facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX](https://www.facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX), follow us at [Twitter.com/Lancaster\\_TX](https://twitter.com/Lancaster_TX) or register for weekly e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events on our website at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com) by clicking on “Notify Me”.

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