



Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Schertz is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and

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

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Schertz Fire / Rescue is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, residents are responsive to public measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme,

“Smoke alarms: Make them work for you™,”

Serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Schertz do hereby proclaim

October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Schertz to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Schertz Fire / Rescue and our emergency services team.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this
17th day September 2024.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor