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The City of Burleson proclaimed Oct. 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week in Burleson. The proclamation was presented by Mayor Ken Shetter to Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton and Burleson firefighters during the Sept. 25 Burleson City Council meeting.

Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. Homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire, according to the proclamation. Home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States during 2006. Fire departments responded to almost 400,000 home fires.

The 2008 Fire Prevention Week theme is "Prevent Home Fires."

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, according to the proclamation. Heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths.

Burleson's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. Burleson residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire hazards, especially in the home.

For more information about this release, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.