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“Stay Fire Smart – Don’t Get Burned” is the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2009. Mayor Ken Shetter presented the proclamation to City Fire Inspector/Investigator David Butler at the Sept. 21 Burleson City Council meeting. The proclamation designates the week of Oct. 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week in Burleson.



Fire Inspector/Investigator David Butler and Mayor Ken Shetter.

The Burleson Fire Marshal’s office and Burleson Fire Department work together to ensure the safety and security of everyone who lives in or visits the city. According to the proclamation, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns. More than 200,000 people are seen in the nation’s emergency rooms for burn injuries each year. Thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two to one, but for children under the age of five, scalds outnumber burns two to one.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading cause of

home fire deaths.

“Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire,” according to the proclamation.

For tips on how you can be fire smart, go to [www.nfpaa.org](http://www.nfpaa.org). To schedule a fire prevention presentation, call Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton at 817-426-9174 or Fire Inspector/Investigator David Butler at 817-426-9175.