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Have you tested your smoke alarms lately? "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11.

The Burleson Fire Marshal's Office will be working with the Burleson Fire Department to visit schools and daycares to drive the message home. Why? Because according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), having a working smoke alarm in a home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test all smoke alarms every month by using the test button. And, replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on motivating people to not only test their smoke alarms each month but to make sure they're working properly.

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually in October during the week in which October 9 falls, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

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To set up a visit, please call Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton at Fire Station #1 at 817-426-9174.