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SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE REPORT

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The South Adams County Fire Department Received a \$750 Stipend to Conduct a Home Fire Sprinkler Educational Program on May 18th, 2024, for the Commerce City Building Safety, Home EXPO Day.

Commerce City, Colorado - The South Adams County Fire Department was awarded a \$750 stipend from the national nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) to increase awareness about the dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers. Join us during Home Fire Sprinkler Week on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Veterans Memorial Park, 6015 Forest Dr, Commerce City, CO 80022, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (live fire demonstration at 12:00 pm) at the Commerce City Building Safety, Home EXPO Day.

South Adams County Fire Department will conduct live fire demonstrations with cooking safety and the effectiveness of residential sprinklers during Home Fire Sprinkler Week. The NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative, HFSC, co-sponsors Home Fire Sprinkler Week, is an annual educational program in the U.S. and Canada. The week unites the fire service to increase awareness of home fire dangers to civilians and responders and facts about installing fire sprinklers in new homes.

"Every community needs the facts about home fire sprinklers, including Commerce City and South Adams County. We are honored to have been selected for this generous stipend," said Brittany Brown, Division Chief of Fire Prevention of the South Adams County Fire Department. "Using the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's educational materials, we will raise awareness of how quickly a home fire can become deadly and the life-saving impact of installing home fire sprinklers."

According to HFSC:

- *Without* sprinklers, today's home fires become deadly in as little as two minutes.
- These fires put residents and firefighters at risk from toxic smoke, heat, and flames.
- *With* sprinklers, the sprinkler closest to the fire in a home fire will activate when the temperature reaches about 165F.
- The sprinkler sprays water directly on the fire, controlling or putting it out. In most home fires, just one sprinkler is activated.

For more information about home fire sprinklers, please visit the South Adams County Fire Department's website at www.sacfd.org and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition website at www.homefiresprinkler.org.