

# **NORTH PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

***PRESENTS OUR***

***FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE!!!!***

**COME OUT AND SEE...**

**FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES**

**MEET THE FIREFIGHTERS AND EMT'S**

**LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY!**

**Sunday – OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**10:00 AM to 2:00 pm**

**8 LINCOLN PLACE – FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, North Plainfield Fire Department reminds residents:**

**Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™**

October 2, 2019 – The North Plainfield Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

“These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

While NFPA and the North Plainfield Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

“Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go,” said Chief William Eaton. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

The North Plainfield Fire Department is hosting a Fire Safety Open House in support of this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”, The Open House will take place on Sunday, October 13 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM at North Plainfield Fire Department, 8 Lincoln Place North Plainfield NJ, 07060.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).