



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Sept. 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclaim Fire Prevention Week

Report in Brief

Annually the City Council has proclaimed their support for Fire Prevention Week activities. This action is intended to public awareness of fire prevention that can be implemented in homes and places of business.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2008 as Fire Prevention week.

Background

The history of Fire Prevention Week began with the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871 and lasted 27 hours. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres.

Fire Prevention week is dedicated to raising public awareness about fires and how to prevent them. The focus is on education on fire safety, smoke alarms, home escape plans and safety tips.

Discussion

The Fire Department participates and carries out extensive programs all year long. In the Fall Firefighters focus special attention on fire prevention by providing programs at the various schools in what is entitled the "First Grade Program". This program includes visits by Firefighters to every first grade class in the City and children are instructed in the "Stop, Drop and Roll" procedures. Similar events will be undertaken again this year.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2008 as Fire Prevention week.

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Attachment: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION

Fire Prevention Week – October 5 – 11, 2008

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will hold the annual Fire Prevention Week activities in Woodland during October 2008 to raise awareness of the dangers of fire; and

WHEREAS, Fire Departments responded to nearly 400,000 home fires in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2008 theme, "Prevent Home Fires" focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials. The fire advocates want to spread the word that with a little extra caution, these fires can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Woodland Fire Department is to preserve and improve the safety and welfare for all by providing quality fire prevention and emergency services at a level defined by and supported by the community, promoting community involvement on an individual and organizational level, providing an emphasis on partnerships for training, education and service delivery, and planning for the City's future emergency service needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim the week of October 5 through 11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week in Woodland, and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations in Woodland to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work an school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

DATED: September 16, 2008

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