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## 2019 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND OPEN HOUSE

Arcata, CA - 2019 Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12. During this week, Fire Departments throughout the United States reach out to the public, spreading valuable information regarding Fire Safety in the home, schools and at work. Many Fire Departments visit schools to interact with and educate students and staff on simple Fire Safety tips. Also during this week, many Fire Departments provide Open House events and invite the public into their Fire Stations to allow access to fire engines, share Fire Safety tips and interact with Fire Department personnel.

Arcata Fire District has a long history of participation in all events noted above. Our Engine Companies are visiting many local schools, sharing the 2019 Fire Prevention Week message, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape". Our firefighters are teaching school age children to have an Escape Plan and Practice the Plan with their parents. Having an Escape Plan and practicing it regularly will greatly improve chances of getting out of their homes safely, in the event of a fire.

Arcata Fire District will open their doors at 631 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata, on October 5th from 10am-2pm for our annual Open House. There will be a number of public safety partners providing demonstrations, visit with your local firefighters, see the fire engines and Coast Guard boat on display and take a picture with Smokey Bear. Please come join us for the fun!

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