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## **Fire Prevention open house is great family fun**

The entire family will have a fun filled day at the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House sponsored by Sarasota County Emergency Services. This year's theme is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned."

The open house will be held 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, Fire Station #5, 400 N. Beneva Road. All activities and refreshments are free.

This year's theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned", was chosen by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). "Burns can be devastating and preventable. Having a good first aid kit and keeping your home fire safe is important. A fire can turn deadly in a matter of seconds, so a well practiced escaped plan is important in helping to protect your family", said Sarasota County Fire Chief Ken Ellerbe.

The annual open house is held for the education enrichment of the community. Parents and children will learn helpful tips by watching the live fire and safety demonstrations. Children's favorites Red E. Fox and Terry Telephone will also be on hand to say hello and offer fire safety education.

For more information regarding the open house, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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