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State, City Agencies Partner for Fire Prevention Education Event in Downtown Frankfort

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 2, 2015) – The Kentucky Division of Fire Prevention, the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the city of Frankfort are teaming up this year to educate the community on fire prevention.

Oct. 4-10, 2015, has been designated Fire Prevention Week nationally and in Kentucky. This year's theme is 'Hear the beep where you sleep.' According to the National Fire Protection Association, about half of home fire deaths result from fires that occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

"The No. 1 message of this year's Fire Prevention Week is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement," said State Fire Marshal Bill Swope. Larger homes may need more alarms.

An education event is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, on the Saint Clair Mall in downtown Frankfort.

City fire officials will have firefighting equipment on hand, including their antique fire truck and rescue equipment, and other officials will hand out fire prevention materials. Smokey Bear will make an appearance at the event, which is being held in conjunction with bike night sponsored by the Kentucky Road Runners Motorcycle Group.

Shorter days and cooler nights are sure signs that autumn has arrived, and so has the fall wildfire hazard season that runs through Dec. 15. During the wildfire hazard season outdoor burning is prohibited from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

Details of the Monday night event follow:

Who: Public Protection Cabinet Division of Fire Prevention
Kentucky Division of Forestry
City of Frankfort Fire Department
Smokey Bear

What: Fire Prevention Week

When: 6-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5, 2015

Where: Saint Clair Mall, downtown Frankfort

For information on fire prevention strategies, visit the state fire marshal's website at <http://dhbc.ky.gov/sfm/Pages/Safety.aspx> and the Division of Forestry at <http://forestry.ky.gov/wildlandfiremanagement/Pages/default.aspx>.

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