October is National Fire Prevention Month and it serves as an excellent time to examine your preparedness.

- Do you have a home fire escape plan?
- Have you changed smoke-alarm batteries within the last year?
- Do you know the primary causes of fires in the home or residence?
- Get more information on Fire Prevention at the NFPA’s website www.nfpa.org.

Fire Safety Awareness

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The National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA), estimates that U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 357,000 home structure fires per year from 2009 to 2013. These fires caused an estimated average of 2,470 civilian deaths, 12,890 civilian injuries, and $6.9 billion in direct property damage per year.*

*Source: NFPA’s “Home Structure Fires” September 2015

Fire Prevention Precautions Include

- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don’t use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Keep all combustibles such as oven mitts, towels or curtains away from stove tops.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles!
- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area (use smoke alarm alert devices for the hearing impaired).
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

For more information visit emergency.famu.edu

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