

*West Deptford Township**Proclamation*

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation and a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and


WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS, West Deptford's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

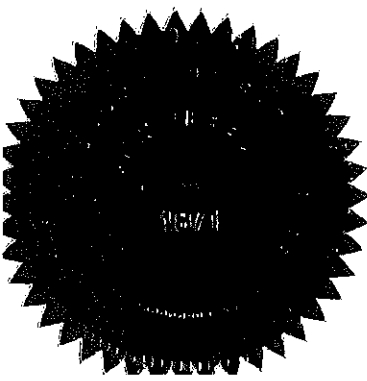
WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Denice DiCarlo do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of West Deptford to find and develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year.

Presented this 4th day of October, 2017.



DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR



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To West Deptford Elementary Schools:

Fire Prevention week will be held October 8, 2017 thru October 14, 2017. There will be the annual poster contest held for grades 1 thru 4.

This year's theme is

“Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!”

Assembly schedule

Wednesday, October 11, 2017–Red Bank School
Assembly – 1:30 P.M.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 - Oakview School
Assembly - 1:30 P.M.

Friday, October 13, 2017 - Greenfield School
Assembly - 2:15 P.M.

Posters are to be completed by October 6, 2017 and will be picked up at each school that day so they can be judged. If you have any questions, please contact me at 845-4004 extension 118.

Sincerely



John Austin
Fire Official