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SUBJECT: HOME FIRE SPRINKLER WEEK, MAY 15 – 21

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Home fires are a severe threat to residents as well as to responding firefighters. While homes have been the central fire challenge for decades, today this problem is intensified by the fact that unprotected home fires become deadly in just two minutes or less.

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Therefore, this year we are joining with fire departments and safety advocates across North America during **Home Fire Sprinkler Week, May 15 – 21**, to increase awareness about the life safety benefits of installing home fire sprinklers.

Home fire sprinkler systems are the best way to reduce home fire-related deaths, injuries, and property loss. By participating in Home Fire Sprinkler Week, we send a powerful message that every new home constructed is an opportunity to help end the home fire problem.

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Due to construction materials and design, new homes are built with unprotected lightweight wood construction and designed with large, open spaces. Homes are filled with synthetic furnishings that burn hotter and faster than natural materials producing more toxic smoke. Regardless of age, home fires now burn faster than ever and become deadly more quickly.

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When things go wrong and a fire starts, home fire sprinklers work automatically and very effectively, making a safe escape possible.

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We urge residents and local decision makers to educate themselves on how home fire sprinklers can protect our city's future generations and our first responders. Every new home built in our community should be protected with home fire sprinklers.