



# CARRBORO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



## PROCLAMATION “Fire Prevention Week”

**WHEREAS**, Carrboro firefighters responded to 1736 calls for assistance in FY 2013-2014, resulting in no fire deaths or injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire losses for those calls totaled \$ 79,508.00 in property damage, compared to the property value of \$ 4,214,832 or 98% that was saved; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally the month of October is recognized as Fire Prevention Month with this year’s theme being “Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month”; and

**WHEREAS**, Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working.”  
“Unfortunately, many home fire deaths result from fires where a smoke alarm is present but does not operate; and

**WHEREAS**, Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half and having an operational residential sprinkler system combined with smoke alarms can reduce the risk of dying in a fire at home by 86%; and

**WHEREAS**, On average each year, three out of five home fire deaths result in fires where there are either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, “Nearly 3,000 people continue to die in fires each year, with most of those deaths occurring in their own homes”. “The vast majority of home fire deaths are preventable, and working [smoke alarms](#) play a big role in helping reduce those numbers.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Installing smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement; and

**WHEREAS**, Testing all smoke alarms every month by using the test button; and

**WHEREAS**, Replacing all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if they don’t respond properly when tested; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department is engaged in a pro-active effort to reduce the number of fires, deaths and injuries by conducting fire inspections and delivering fire prevention education on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM to further that cause.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **the week of October 5-11, 2014** as “**Fire Prevention Week**” in the Town of Carrboro. All citizens are encouraged to observe this week of fire prevention by intentionally being “fire smart”, visiting the Fire Department to obtain more information and attending the Open House.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014

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Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor