

Fire Prevention Information

In 1925 president Calvin Coolidge chose the second week of October for Fire Prevention Week. The month of October is Fire Prevention Month. Throughout the country many fire departments hold open houses and school tours.

This week marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire and the Peshtigo Fire here in Wisconsin. The Chicago Fire raged on from October 8th 1871 till the following day of the 9th. The Chicago Fire killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless.

The Peshtigo Fire started on the same evening of the Chicago fire. October 8th 1871. This fire caused between 1200 and 2400 deaths. The fire covered 2400 square miles which is 1.5 million acres.

The Hartford Fire and Rescue Department holds their annual open house the second Saturday of October. A theme is chosen each year. Past themes have been "Watch What You Heat", "Use Candles With Care", and "Get Out and Stay Out".

The Fire Department speaks with school groups throughout the year. During Fire Prevention week these talks are given as well as school tours of the Fire Station and the Survive Alive Trailer.

The Open House is held on the second Saturday in October. This event is held at the fire station. During the day you will have the opportunity to meet the fire and rescue personnel. You will be able to go through the 'Survive Alive Trailer'. You can meet "Sparky" the fire dog, tour the trucks, and shoot water out of a fire hose. There will be a free lunch and balloons.

The rescue personnel will be giving free blood sugar and blood pressure checks. Informational pamphlets will be available on Fire Safety. This is a great family event and a good way to meet your fire and rescue personnel.