

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco invites Residents to the Fire Department's Open House Friday, October 12th - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere”

Under the direction of Commissioner Alphonse Petracco, Deputy Chief Paul Cafone and the Nutley Fire Department are teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2018 to urge residents “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere”. This campaign works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

“LOOK” for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

“LISTEN” for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

“LEARN” two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In 2015, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 11,075 civilian injuries, 2,650 civilian deaths, and \$7.0 billion in direct damage.

“Working in the fire service for many years, we know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives,” said Deputy Fire Chief Paul Cafone of the Nutley Fire Department. “We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action.”

In addition to the recommendations from the Look, Listen and Learn campaign, the Nutley Fire Department recommends the following tips for establishing an escape plan in your home:

- Draw a map of your home (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Join us at our Fire Department Open House on Friday, October 12th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Nutley, please contact the Nutley Fire Department at 973-284-4937. To learn more about “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere,” visit NFPA's Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org .