



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

Activity Book

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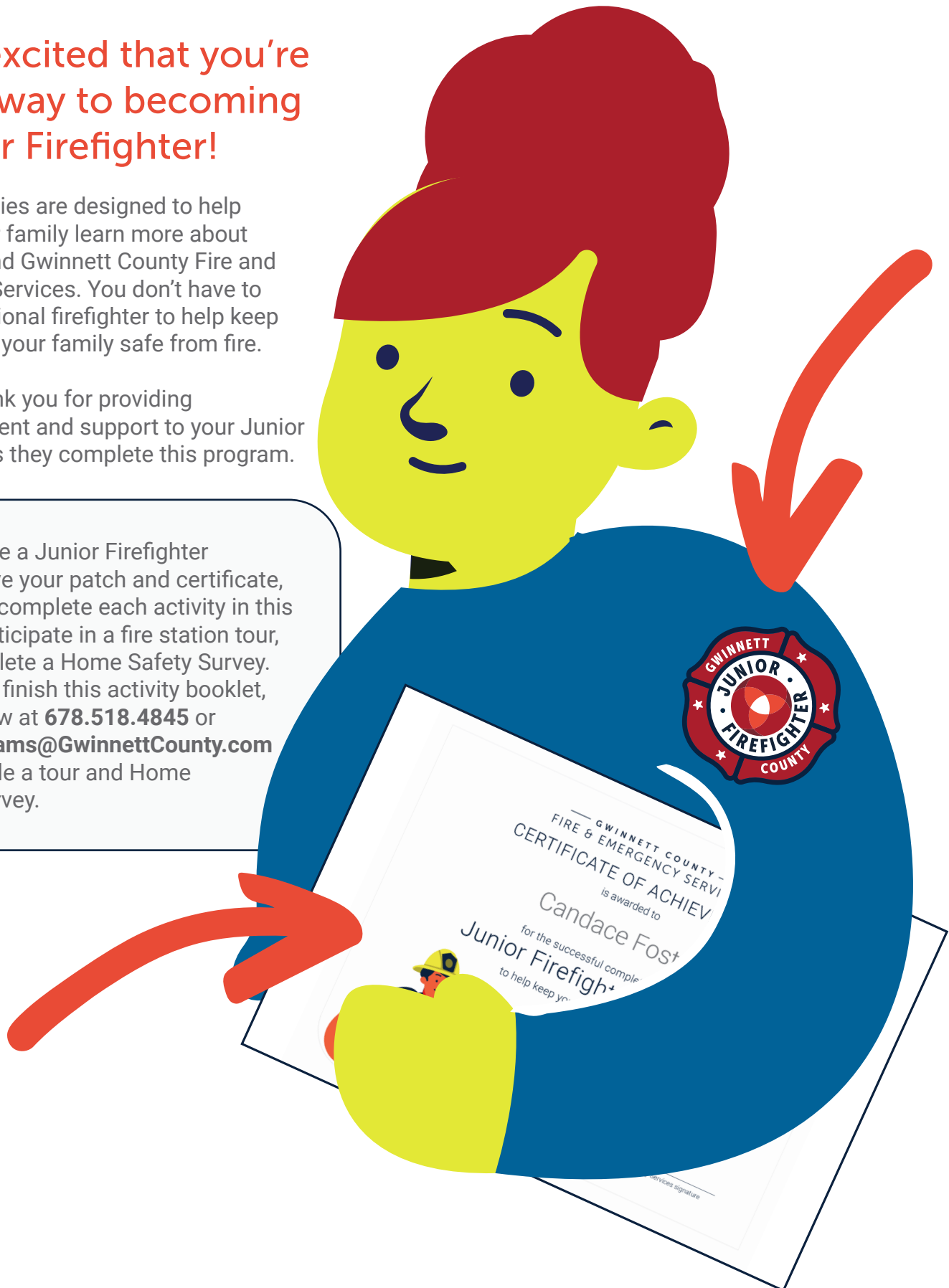
HELLO!

We're excited that you're on the way to becoming a Junior Firefighter!

These activities are designed to help you and your family learn more about fire safety and Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services. You don't have to be a professional firefighter to help keep yourself and your family safe from fire.

Parents, thank you for providing encouragement and support to your Junior Firefighter as they complete this program.

To become a Junior Firefighter and receive your patch and certificate, you must complete each activity in this guide, participate in a fire station tour, and complete a Home Safety Survey. When you finish this activity booklet, let us know at **678.518.4845** or **FirePrograms@GwinnettCounty.com** to schedule a tour and Home Safety Survey.



WHEN TO CALL 911

911 should be used for emergencies only

Dial 911 whenever someone needs the help of firefighters, police, or an ambulance. Some examples of emergencies are:

- a) Fire
- b) Someone is severely sick or hurt
- c) Car accidents
- d) Suspicious cars or people
- e) Robbery, theft, missing people, violence, and any other crimes
- f) Dangerous objects on the road, drunk drivers or reckless drivers, broken electrical wires, and damage from storms.

If you're not sure your problem is an emergency, call 911 anyway.

What to do when the 911 operator answers

- a) Stay calm and speak clearly.
- b) Let the operator know what is going on and if you need firefighters, police, or an ambulance.
- c) Tell the operator where the emergency is, your name, and your telephone number.
- d) Follow any instructions the operator gives you.
- e) Stay on the phone and do not hang up until dispatch tells you to.



When to call the non-emergency number: 770.513.5700

Call the non-emergency number, 770.513.5700, to report anything that's *not* an emergency but still needs a public safety response. Some examples of non-emergencies are:

- a) Odors of smoke outdoors
- b) Reporting outdoor burning when a burn ban is in effect
- c) Helping someone up that has fallen but is uninjured

Operators get a lot of important calls, so be patient for your turn when you call the non-emergency number.

SMOKE ALARM QUEST

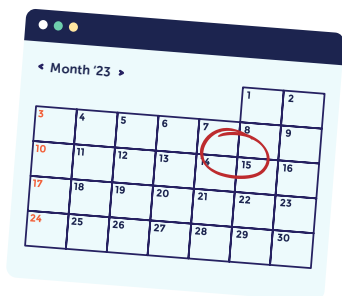
Step 1

Begin this adventure by observing your home with an adult. Find the smoke alarms in your home and write down where they are.



Step 2

With the help of an adult, check the back of the smoke alarms and write down the dates they were made.



Step 3

Push the test button and write down what happens.



Now that you and your family have found and tested your alarms, what actions do you and your family need to take to make sure you all are safe?



A message from Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services: Test your smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button. Replace the batteries every year. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

CREATE YOUR HOME ESCAPE PLAN

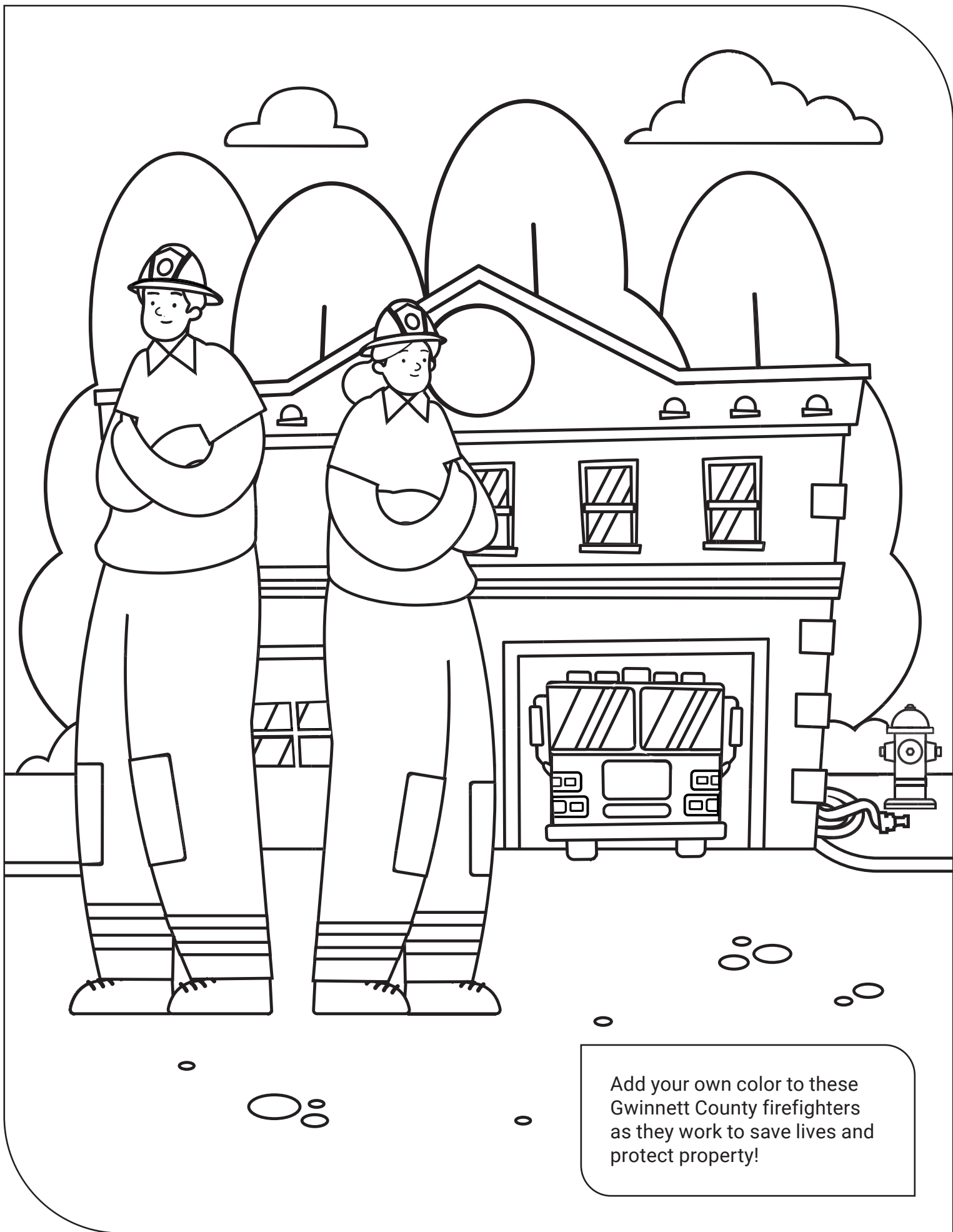
A home fire escape plan can help you and your family get outside quickly and safely in case of a fire. Smoke from fire can make it hard for you to see, so it's important to be aware of all exits such as doors and windows.

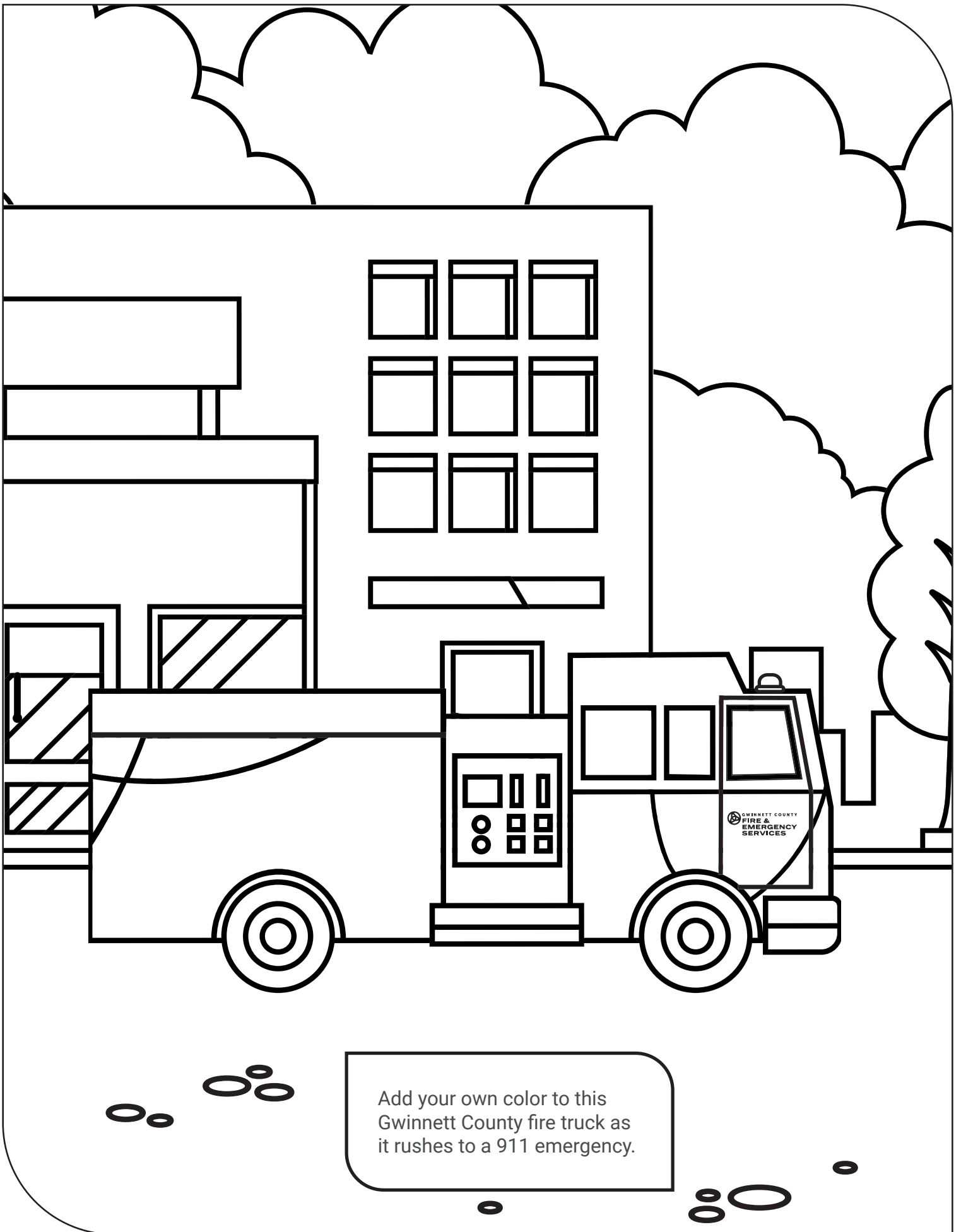
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We practiced our drill on: _____ Adult Initials: _____ Child Initials: _____

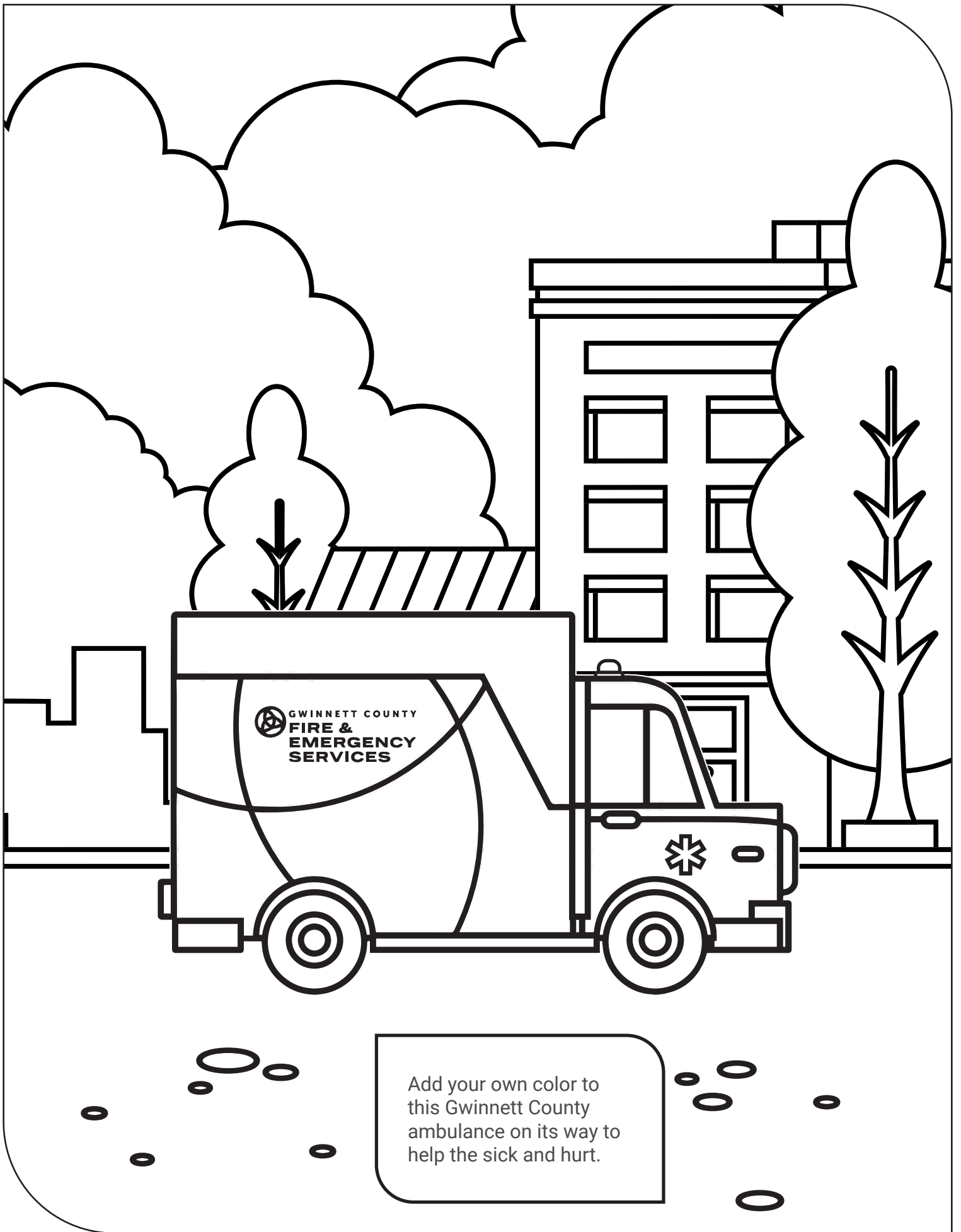


1. Draw a floor plan or map of your home. Show all exits and include all doors and windows.
2. Mark two ways out of every room.
3. Mark or draw the locations of every smoke alarm. There should be a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside your bedroom, and in the hallways.
4. Pick a family meeting place outside of the home that will be a safe distance away from the fire but is not in the street.
5. Discuss the plan with everyone in the home.
6. Remember to practice this plan at least twice a year.





Add your own color to this
Gwinnett County fire truck as
it rushes to a 911 emergency.

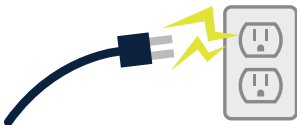


HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

- a) Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are good for 10 years after the date they were made.
- b) Remind your parents to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month by pushing the test button.
- c) Have parents change the batteries every year. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for care and maintenance.
- d) Make sure your family has a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home.
- e) Sleep with the door to your bedroom closed.



Electrical and heating appliance safety

- a) Do not keep items that could easily catch fire like newspapers or towels near space heaters or any kind of open flame.
- b) Do not use damaged electrical cords.
- c) Don't plug too many things into an electrical outlet or power source.
- d) Clean out your dryer's lint basket after every load.
- e) Tell your parents to have all home heating appliances serviced by a qualified technician.

Kitchen safety

- a) Parents, remember to always stay in the kitchen when cooking.



- b) When using the oven, remember to set a timer.
- c) If anything catches on fire in the microwave, oven, or toaster oven, keep the door closed to allow the fire to put itself out.
- d) Never wear any loose fitted clothing when using the stovetop.
- e) If you have a fire in the kitchen, get out and stay out. Close all the doors on your way out to limit the fire and smoke damage. Call 911 from outside of the building.



If you hear the smoke alarm

- a) Remain calm and do not panic.
- b) Feel your bedroom door with the back of your hand. If the door is cold, open the door slowly and crawl out following your home escape plan. If the door is hot, stay in your room and stuff a sheet or blanket under the door to keep the smoke out.
- c) If you are downstairs, go out the window. If you are upstairs, stay low to the floor, open the window, and hang something brightly colored out the window to signal the firefighters. Use a collapsible fire escape ladder if you have one. Call 911 and tell the emergency operator where you are inside the home.

WORD SEARCH

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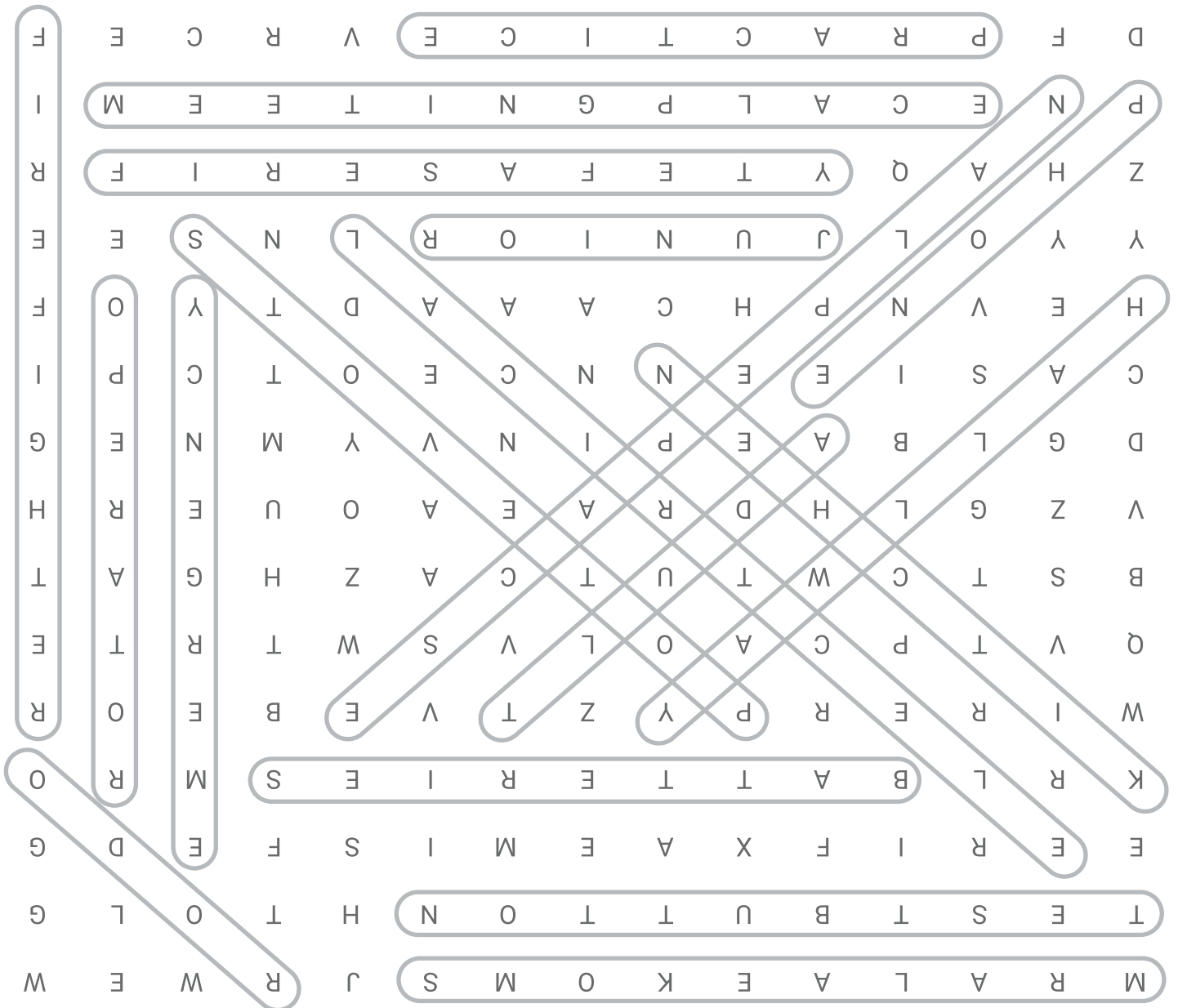
Look up, down, forward, backward, and diagonally to find these hidden words and circle them.

ADULT
BATTERIES
ELECTRICAL
EMERGENCY
ESCAPE PLAN
FIRE SAFETY

FIREFIGHTER
HALLWAY
JUNIOR
KITCHEN
MEETING PLACE
ODOR

OPERATOR
PHONE
PRACTICE
SMOKE ALARM
STOVETOP
TEST BUTTON

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION





Discover what it takes to become a junior firefighter.

Unlock the tools to protect your home by completing the smoke alarm quest, creating a home escape plan, and more!

For more information on Gwinnett County's fire stations, scan the QR code.

