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## **Informal Briefing Minutes**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 10:30 AM

Present: Charlotte J. Nash, Jace Brooks, Ben Ku, Tommy Hunter, Marlene M. Fosque

### **1. Fire and Emergency Services**

Prevention 365

Assistant Chief Fred Cephas provided an overview of Prevention 365, a Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Reduction program. No official action taken.



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# Prevention 365

Community Risk Reduction

# Concept of Prevention 365

## Advancing Prevention

- Response vs. Prevention
- 12 Days of Christmas Smoke Alarm Blitz
- 2018 Challenge



# Goal of Prevention 365

## Create a Culture of Safety

- Smoke Alarms
- Fact Sheets
  - English
  - Spanish
- Talking Points on Themes





# Prevention 365 Fall Initiatives

- Firestop Canisters
- Stroke Magnets
- Safe Cooking Habits PSA
- Fact Sheets
- Social Media Awareness Posts

COUNTY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## FALL SAFETY

Did you know...

### Cooking Safety

Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires and injuries. Follow these steps to cook with caution:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking any kind of food.
- Set a timer to remind you that you have food cooking, and if you do have to leave, turn off the stove/oven before you leave the room.
- In the event of a grease fire, use a lid to slide over the pan or pot to smother the flames. Never put water on it.
- For a fire in the oven, turn off the power to the oven and leave the door closed. This prevents the flames from spreading to other areas of the kitchen.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from all hot surfaces where hot foods and beverages are being prepared.
- Only attempt to put out the fire if it is still contained to the area where it started. Once the fire has begun to spread, it is best to just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you and stay out.

### Smoke Alarms

Three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms at all. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and on every level of the home, including the basement. If your smoke alarm is older than 10 years, it is best to replace it.

### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, and colorless gas. CO is created when fuels like wood, natural gas, and propane burn incompletely. CO can be produced by your stove, oven, and fireplace. Never use a gas or charcoal grill in the home. CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Check the batteries every month and replace them every five to seven years.

### Candle Safety

Three out of five candle fires start when flammable items are too close to the candle. Candles should be placed on a sturdy holder in an uncluttered area, with at least one foot of space from anything that can burn. When lighting candles, keep your hair and loose clothing away from the flame. Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Never leave children unattended around a burning candle.

### Additional Resources

[www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Safety-tip-sheets](http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Safety-tip-sheets)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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# Community Risk Reduction



# Who We Are

- Integrated Fire, Medical, and Community Risk Reduction
- Gwinnett Standard
- County Priorities



Safe & Healthy  
Community



Livability &  
Comfort



Communication &  
Engagement





# Partner Agencies

- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Development
- Volunteer Gwinnett
- Gwinnett Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association
- Home Repair Ministries
- Safe Kids
- Tiny Towne





# Partnership Benefits

- Gwinnett Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association
  - \$10,000 grant for smoke alarms from Walton EMC
  - \$20,000 grant for carbon monoxide alarms from Firehouse Subs
- Volunteer opportunities





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# Questions