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The Firefighters of the Alvin Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) will host the annual Fire Prevention Open House at Fire Station #1 (302 West House Street) on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy free hotdogs and popcorn, meet your local firefighters, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, take a tour of the engines and ambulance and obtain valuable information on what you and your family can do to help prevent a fire. Through educational, family-oriented activities, this event will help the Department reach people in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson.

This year's National Fire Prevention Association's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!" The AVFD encourages all citizens to have a home fire escape plan in place and to put that plan into practice.

Alvin Fire Chief Rex Klesel stated, "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out".

The month of October is Fire Prevention Month and is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Month is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Join the ranks of Alvin Volunteer Fire Department for more information, please contact: Rex W. Klesel at 281-331-7688, or follow AVFD on Facebook.

**Demonstrations**

- Fire Trucks
- Gas Meter Fire
- Fire Extinguisher
- Vehicle Fire & Rescue

**Activities will include:**

- Recruitment
- Photos with Sparky the Fire Dog
- Fingerprinting
- Bouncy House