



Dade County Observes Fire Prevention Week October 5-11

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Chairman Don Townsend presented the proclamation during the October workshop meeting, emphasizing the importance of household safety and preparedness. "We encourage every family to check their smoke alarms, identify fire hazards, and discuss escape routes with their loved ones," Townsend said.

Fire Prevention Week is observed nationwide each October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which claimed more than 250 lives and left thousands homeless. The week serves as a reminder of the importance of fire safety education and preparedness in preventing tragedies.

This year's national theme, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), focuses on kitchen safety and the prevention of cooking-related fires — the leading cause of home fire injuries in the United States.

Dade County's proclamation encourages residents to take part in local safety activities, including fire drills held in local schools, and to review safety tips provided by area fire departments. Citizens are reminded to test smoke alarms monthly, keep fire extinguishers accessible, and never leave cooking unattended.

"Fire prevention begins at home," Townsend added. "Simple steps like checking smoke alarms and teaching children what to do in an emergency can make all the difference."

TRENTON, Ga. (October 5, 2025) — The Dade County Board of Commissioners has proclaimed October 5–11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week in Dade County, urging residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes and families from fire hazards.