

Recognizing National Fire Prevention Week

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This week, October 9-15, is National Fire Prevention Week, presented by the National Fire Protection Association. In recognition of this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, "Protect Your Family From Fire", I am encouraging everyone to check the working order of your home's smoke detectors, minimize the use of potential fire hazards such as candles, and plan and practice a fire escape route with your family. Simple steps like these can help save lives.

Sadly, every year fires devastate homes, businesses and families throughout the greater Finger Lakes region. My thoughts are always with the victims as they try and recover. I also commend all of our community's brave firefighters, who work every day and risk their own safety to protect the lives and homes of our citizens.

For more fire safety tips and measures you and your family can take to prevent house fires, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at www.nfpa.org. In addition, you can access important

safety tips from the Fireman's Association of the State of New York by visiting www.fasny.com.

Once again, please make sure to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.