



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **(Hillsboro Fire Department Open House Kicks Off Fire Prevention Week)**

Hillsboro Fire and Rescue will roll open the doors of Fire Station #1 located at 240 South First Avenue for an Open House on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to celebrate the kick off of National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." The focus is on burn awareness and prevention.

"Each year thousands of people are needlessly burned in kitchen fires due to inattention," said Fire Chief Gary Seidel. "Many children are burned in scalding bathwater because hot water heaters are turned too high. These and other types of burn injuries are one-hundred percent preventable with some common sense and a few safety tips," he added. The Open House will feature safety information on these topics and more along with tours of the fire station and fire trucks, demonstrations on cooking safety and photo opportunities. Kids can take part in games, squirt water from a fire hose, and have their picture taken in a cutout of a firefighter in action. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

For fire and life safety information, visit: [www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire) or call 503-681-6166. For periodic updates on what's happening at Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, visit our blog: [www.hillsborofire.blogspot.com](http://www.hillsborofire.blogspot.com).

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Photo caption: Open House 6871.jpg – Lt. Cory Johnson (l) and Firefighter Tim Eiden will roll open the doors at Hillsboro Fire Station #1 for an Open House on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:00 to 2:00. The event will feature demonstrations, safety information, station and truck tours, and many photo opportunities. The public is welcome.