



## Lehi Fire Department to Hold Fire Prevention Open House

Lehi City Fire Department urges residents to “Have Two Ways Out!” during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012

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Lehi City, Utah | October 4, 2012 — October 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week, and the theme this year is “Have Two Ways Out!” To promote this theme, the Lehi Fire Department is hosting a community Open House on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Station 81 (176 N. Center Street). Educational and family-oriented activities will be available for residents to learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

“Everyone should know how to escape from their home. Fire can spread quickly, leaving little time to escape safely once the alarm sounds,” Fire Marshal Kerry Evans said. “Advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning for a successful escape can make the difference between life and death.”

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that the majority of fire deaths (44.9%) occur while sleeping. Only 5.1% died from burns while the majority died from a combination of burns and smoke inhalation. The leading age group in deaths was 0-9 years old. The U.S. Fire Administration also reports that building fires are more likely to occur during the winter months.



The Lehi City Fire Department encourages families to have a home escape plan and practice it with everyone in the home. Parents should also practice using different ways out and teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Adults also need to ensure that all smoke and CO detectors are functional and that batteries are changed twice per year.

Lehi Fire Chief Dale Ekins said, “It’s important to be proactive to protect you and your family.” More information and fire safety tips can be found at [www.lehi-ut.gov](http://www.lehi-ut.gov).

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