

Farmington fire officials give guides for home evacuations

FARMINGTON—Adequate warning of a fire and knowledge of a plan are the two basic considerations in safe evacuation of a home.

The Farmington Public Safety Department says about one-half of all fire deaths occur in residences, usually between midnight and 6 a.m. when families are asleep. Flames, smoke and toxic gases go unnoticed until it is too late.

The department urges residents to invest in approved detection alarms which can give adequate warning.

An evacuation plan is the only way to be sure a family can get out safely in case of a fire. If a plan is prac-

ticed, children will not panic but follow their training and escape.

TO HELP residents plan an escape route, the department provides the following tips:

Draw a floor plan of your home showing main exits and alternate escape exits. Post this drawing where it will serve as a constant reminder that fire may strike and everyone must be prepared.

Figure out two ways to reach the outside from each room, especially bedrooms. Indicate both routes on your floor plan.

Instruct children how to open windows and remove screens and storm windows. If this cannot be done easily, show children how to break the window with a chair, heavy toy or other handy object.

Sharp glass edges should be safely removed or covered with a pillow or blanket before crawling out the window. One way to go out the window is

to slide out on the stomach, hang on the sill at arm's length, then drop to the ground, rolling when you land.

The safer method is to have portable rope or chain escape ladders which are designed to be quickly attached to the window sill. These ladders can be stored close to the window, such as under the bed.

HOLD FIRE DRILLS frequently, and occasionally at night after the family has gone to bed, so that each family member knows what to do. Impress on everyone that speed in getting out is vital in case of actual fire.

Get out first, then call the fire department from a neighbor's house. If you live in the City of Farmington, call 474-1212. If you live in the City of Farmington Hills, call 474-2333.

Remember the rule that keep low to the floor when evacuating the house. Heat and smoke tend to rise, so often there will be more oxygen near the

floor—hopefully enough to breathe to get out safely.

Once everyone is out, do not re-enter a burning or smoke-filled building for any reason, such as retrieval of valuables. Many lives have been lost this way.

Specify a meeting place outside the house where all must assemble immediately upon evacuating. Be sure to meet the fire-fighters upon their arrival to give them needed information, including whether everyone is out of the house.

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Scouts plan day for cubs

The Clinton Valley Council will again sponsor a Cub Scout day camp summer program. Five hundred Cubs are expected to attend the program at Camp Agawan near Lake Orion.

The camp, which runs for five weeks, will be directed by Phyllis Head of Waterford Township. Any registered Cub Scout may attend day camp with registration through each Cub pack leader. The camp periods will consist of four days (Monday through Thursday) beginning June 23 and ending July 24 (Two periods: June 23 and July 21

are already filled with the fourth period, July 24, nearly filled. The second period, June 30, and July 7, still has openings.

The cost is \$10 per boy per period. This includes daily luncheon beverage, craft materials, camp badge and a chicken barbecue on Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

The program features swimming, archery, crafts, nature hikes, games, sports and campfire. One adult leader from a Cub pack is required for each six Scouts. There is no charge for the leader.

Doctors condemn 'patient putdown'

FARMINGTON—The new president of the Michigan Association of Osteo, pathic Physicians and Surgeons delivered a plea for improved physician-patient communications.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the association, Dr. Eugene L. Silorski of Orchard Lake outlined three requirements for better communications: language to suit the circumstances, flexibility in speaking and naturalness in personality.

association's headquarters is in Farmington.

Dr. Silorski described computerized medicine as where a patient goes into a doctor's office, answers questions flashed on a screen and a computer later provides the physician with a printed medical record.

"This is the ultimate in patient putdown in communications—going to see a doctor and ending up talking to a computer," he said.

More than 1,000 people attended the meeting, held in Grand Rapids. The

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