

# Media Release



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## FLW FD to open its doors to promote fire safety

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department plans to hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at Fire Station #1, Building 580 on post, in combination with Fire Prevention Week.

The event is designed to encourage residents to take heed to the Fire Prevention Week theme “Have two ways out.”

“The open house is a chance for people to see what the fire department is all about,” Buddy Glover, Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department fire inspector, said. “It gives us an opportunity to spread the message about fire safety and the importance of having a fire evacuation plan in place to protect families.”

Glover said the fire department plans to have fire trucks available to see and walk through, hot dogs, door prizes, and safety materials.

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Participants will also be able to tour the fire station and fire safety house, try on firefighting gear, and meet with special guest, Sparky the fire dog, he said.

The event is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Garrison Commander, Col. William Pfeffer, signed the proclamation designating Oct. 7-13 as Fire Prevention Week at Fort Leonard Wood.

Questions about the event may be directed to the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Protection and Prevention Division, Directorate of Emergency Services, at 573-596-0883.

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*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.*

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