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Fire Department Open House Spreads Word About Fire Safety

Approximately 500 citizens attended the recent Fire Department Open House held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. The Open House took, held on on Sat., Oct. 15 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave., included a number of family friendly activities such as fire extinguisher demonstrations and station tours.

Children were able to spray water from a fire hose and listen to a fire safety talk in the fire safety trailer. Demonstrations of vehicle extrications and Fire Department equipment were also given.

Both the Police and Health Departments had informational booths to distribute materials to residents and no one left hungry, as refreshments were provided throughout the event.

"The feedback from those attending was very positive," said Fire Chief William Bell. "The Fire Department intends to repeat the event annually to coincide with Fire Prevention Week."

Fire Prevention Week occurs during the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 – the disaster credited with bringing recognition to the need for fire prevention as well as firefighting.

For more information on fire prevention, contact the Oak Park Fire Department at 445.3300 or fire@oak-park.us.

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