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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK

ACFR reminds parents to teach children fire prevention and safety

DENVER, Colo. – In the month of October, firefighters from Adams County Fire Rescue will be talking to thousands of students in the schools within its district boundaries, sharing valuable fire prevention and safety messages. ACFR would like to encourage parents to reinforce these lessons at home by using the following talking points about fire safety:

- One fourth of all children fire fatalities are from fires started by children.
- Never leave children unattended around fires, grills, stoves or heating devices.
- Children are naturally curious about fire, so keep an eye on them.
- Teach children that fire, matches and lighters are not toys.
- If a child repeatedly plays with fire or seems to have a morbid fascination with fire, seek professional help at once.
- If youngsters live with you or stay overnight occasionally, be sure that they know the escape plan and about the safe meeting place.
- Make sure children know to never hide in the event of a fire. Teach them to get out and meet at the designated place.
- Teach them to recognize the sound of a smoke alarm and what to do when they hear it.
- Teach children how to crawl to safety in the event of a fire. Teach them how to touch doors with the back of the hand to feel for heat.
- Remind children to not be afraid of firefighters in their full gear. They are there to help them!

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit www.acfpd.org/safety-tips.

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