

# Residential Home Fire Safety Check List

- Have and maintain working and up to date (10 yr. or less) smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers.
  - On each level of your house and by/in every bedroom
  - Change your smoke detector batteries twice a year
  - Test monthly
- Practice a family escape plan for your home.
  - Have two ways out of every room
  - Get out and stay out
- Choose a meeting place in case of emergency.
- Display large address numbers of a contrasting color visible from the roadway.
  - See reflective address signs inside brochure
- Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.
- Have your furnace inspected by a qualified technician every year.
- Change furnace filters per manufacturer's specifications.
- Have fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned yearly (depending on usage).
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from flammable items.
- Turn off space heaters and blow out candles before leaving home or going to bed.
- Check electrical cords for damage. Do not run electrical cords underneath rugs or furniture. Do not overload outlets. Use multiple plug power strips with built in circuit breakers and surge protectors.
- Store cleaning products, aerosol cans, and flammable liquids away from sources of heat.
- Clean the lint screen on the clothes dryer before each use.



## Community Risk Reduction



EMERGENCY DIAL – 911

NON-EMERGENCY – Station 1: 616.949.1320 ♦ Station 2: 616.682.9679

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**Lieutenant Andy Albright**  
*Community Risk Reduction Officer*

It takes the entire fire department "community" to make sure we are doing our very best to provide the highest quality service to our citizen community. Part of this includes educating our community in order to reduce the occurrence and impact of unfortunate events. We do this by offering the following events.

**Fire Prevention ♦ Public Education Events:** Cascade is fortunate to have many preschools, early childhood learning centers, and two elementary schools. This gives us great opportunities to teach our young people fire safety and prevention practices.

HOA meetings, senior assisted living facilities, and work places. Not only do we work with the facilities to train our staff and theirs for preparedness and responses to emergencies, we also work with the residents for safety and prevention to reduce the need for our services.

**On Site Events:** These are held at high traffic businesses or company breakrooms which provide a venue for Cascade Firefighters to take blood pressures, pulse rates & pass out fire safety information.

**Public Relation ♦ Block Party ♦ Birthday Parties:** Provide an excellent opportunity for fire safety and prevention education training. If your neighborhood is planning a block party or birthday party, contact the Fire Department to arrange for staff to bring a fire apparatus to the outing for a show-and-tell.

To schedule a training session call 949-1320 or e-mail at [AAlbright@cascadetwp.com](mailto:AAlbright@cascadetwp.com)



## CPR TRAINING



**Lieutenant Michael Bolt**

The Cascade Township Fire Department is an authorized Training Center for the American Heart Association. We offer Heart saver CPR and first Aid training to the general public along with BLS Provider CPR for health care professionals. We can offer group training at your place of business or offer one on one training at one of our fire stations. Classes are designed for the general public and professional rescuers who may be called upon to provide CPR or First Aid to victims with medical or environmental emergencies at work, home or in the community. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

To schedule a training session call 949-1320 or e-mail at [mbolt@cascadetwp.com](mailto:mbolt@cascadetwp.com)



## REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS



**Firefighter Zeke Kadish**

The Cascade Firefighters Association offers green reflective address signs that will allow you to help us locate your house in an emergency. For a cost of \$18.00, you may pick up the sign at our Station 1 or, a firefighter will personally deliver or install your address sign. You may go online to the Cascade Township website:

[www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com) (search: reflective address marker order form) to print out an order form or come in and pick one up.

Questions or concerns may be directed to us at 949-1320 or e-mail at [mkadish@cascadetwp.com](mailto:mkadish@cascadetwp.com)



## CHILD SAFETY SEAT



**Lieutenant Josh Dettwiler**

Cascade Township Fire Department has a certified car seat technician on staff. We are available to educate the public on the proper installation of a child safety seat as well as check your existing car seat. CFD also hosts throughout the year car seat install events with the help of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Safe Kids Program. Need help installing a car seat sooner? The car seat check and education are free of charge. To schedule an appointment, call 949-1320 or e-mail at [jdettwiler@cascadetwp.com](mailto:jdettwiler@cascadetwp.com)



## FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING



**Firefighter Eric Melse**

Laser-Driven Fire Extinguisher Training System ensures trainees are prepared in case of a real fire emergency. We utilize LED-driven digital flames and a laser training extinguisher to provide a dynamic and realistic simulation for trainees while eliminating the hazards associated with conventional fire extinguisher training. Extinguisher training can be conducted indoors or out. Let us help you be prepared.

For a training session call 949-1320 or e-mail at [emelse@cascadetwp.com](mailto:emelse@cascadetwp.com)

