



## October 30th To-Do List

1. Move Your Clock Back One Hour
2. Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries
3. Save Your Life

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, October 30. Prior to that pick up the batteries you will need and then take a few minutes to install them in all your smoke detectors. Properly installing, maintaining, and regularly testing your home smoke detectors is your FIRST AND BEST defense against home fires. Believe it or not, these batteries may save your life. Visit [www.middletownfire.org](http://www.middletownfire.org) for more information.



# FIREline

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## Fabulous Fun at the Fire Station!

Join us at our Annual Open House, Saturday, October 15, from Noon to 4pm, at Station One on Urton Lane.

Each year the MFPD throws open the fire house doors and invites the Community in for a fun, educational, family time. Just as in years past, there will be something exciting for everyone in the family:

- **Fire Trucks!** Get behind the wheel or sit in a jump seat. There are more buttons than even a two year old could ever push.
- **Fire Fighting Gear!** Ever wonder what all that protective equipment feels like? Stop by and slip on a coat, boots, and helmet. Can you get it all on in 20 seconds?
- **The Jaws of Life!** Watch as firefighters demonstrate the steel crushing "Jaws" as they cut their way into a car.

The Louisville Fire Pipes and Drums will play at 2 pm! Go to <http://lfrpipesanddrums.org/index.html> for information about this exciting group!

- **Hose Work!** Take aim at a target with a fire hose charged with 150 pounds of water pressure.
- **Thermal Imaging Camera!** Take a look through a special state-of-the-art camera that allows fire fighters to literally see through smoke.

- **Face Painting and Fire Safety Tattoos** will be available for kids (and brave adults, too!).
- **Kid's Care ID Station!** The Louisville Metro Police Department will provide kid ID kits for use in emergency situations.
- **An Inflatable Fire Truck & Sparky Striker!** Kids who visit all the specified exhibits and get their passport stamped will earn some playtime in the inflatable Fire Truck and have an opportunity to show their muscles on the Sparky Striker!

### Free Food! Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks, Chips!

Visit the MFPD website at [www.middletownfire.org](http://www.middletownfire.org) to see the latest scheduled activities and for updated information as it becomes available and to find out about the upcoming dedication of the new fire station on Factory Lane!



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# “Candle with Care”

**Candles may be pretty to look at** but they are a growing cause of home fires and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, meaning that it can easily ignite any combustible material nearby. And, because fires spread so quickly, it's essential that you have working smoke alarms in your residence and a home fire escape plan ready to go.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Almost half of all home fires started by candles begin in the bedroom. NFPA discourages the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing or any other material that can catch fire.
- Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.
- If at all possible, avoid using candles during a power outage. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting on hand for emergency lighting.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.
- Don't allow kids or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms.
- Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.



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## Put your contact information on ICE

When every second counts, emergency medical personnel need answers fast so they can quickly and safely give the medical care desperately needed.

Standing for **In Case of Emergency**, ICE will allow ambulance crews and police officers to know where to look in your **mobile phone directory** for the person to be contacted in an emergency.

Here's what to do:

- Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (for example, ICE - Mom or ICE - David) into the address book of your mobile phone
- Save their phone number
- Make sure the person whose name and number you are giving has agreed to be your ICE partner
- Make sure your ICE partner has a list of people they should contact on your behalf—including your place of work
- Make sure your ICE person's number is one that's easy to contact—for example, a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person works full time
- Make sure your ICE partner knows about any medical conditions that could affect your emergency treatment—for example, allergies or current medication
- Make sure if you are under 18, your ICE partner is a parent or guardian authorized to make decision on your behalf.



## Jefferson County Swift Water Team Deployed to Help Hurricane Katrina Victims

Eight members of the MFPD went with other members of the Swift Water team to New Orleans immediately following Hurricane Katrina. The group performed over 1000 rescues. MFPD members that played a part in those efforts are: Chad Keep, Andy Longstreet, Aaron Foust, Matt Goolsby, Eddie Whitworth, Ron Maddux, Trey Westphal, Ben Alvey. Go to [www.middletonfire.org](http://www.middletonfire.org) for more photos and story details.

## Loyal to the Cause...

The events along the Gulf Coast have touched us all. We are humbled by the awesome power of nature, inspired by the heroism and generosity of so many people, and moved by the struggles faced by so many people. Many people from our Community responded to the needs. Many more have made donations, volunteered and offered prayers for those in need. I want to commend and thank the members of our own Department that went to the Gulf Coast to rescue fellow citizens. *(See story above.)*

One lesson we all learned is that there can be circumstances of such grand proportion that all emergency response systems are temporarily overwhelmed or simply unable to respond because an event (for example, an ice storm) makes a response impossible. In such dire situations it is very likely that you will need to be personally responsible for your safety and well-being. Just like we ask you to install, test and maintain smoke detectors and practice escape routes from your home, we also ask you to create an Emergency Preparedness Kit. Suggested contents for a kit can be found at [www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared).

## Family Film Night at the Middletown Firehouse!

Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9:30 pm,  
Station One, Urton Lane

It was so much fun last year the MFPD decided to do it again! Just like last year, firefighters will conduct a brief safety demonstration before showing a popular family holiday movie that will be projected on a big screen in the gymnasium. Popcorn and drinks will be provided (it wouldn't be a movie night without them!). Bring your own chairs, sleeping bags, or blankets for comfortable seating. Be sure to RSVP.

**Due to the popularity of the event, families will need to RSVP. On November 1, go to [www.middletonfire.org](http://www.middletonfire.org) to get registration information.**



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