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**Roselle Fire Department Open House October 3**

Join the Roselle Fire Department as they celebrate National Fire Prevention Week with an open house on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The open house will take place at the Fire Station, 100 E. Maple Avenue, Roselle, from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Fire Department Open House festivities will include tours, refreshments, live demonstrations, touch-a-truck, handouts, and other fire safety information. The Fire Department Open House provides a great opportunity for residents to ask firefighters questions about fire safety issues.

National Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 4-10, 2009. This year's national theme is "Stay fire smart! Don't get burned!" Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of the "Great Chicago Fire" of October 8-9, 1871. The blaze, which raged for several days, claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed more than 17,400 structures.

The Great Chicago Fire prompted reform by focusing public attention on fire safety. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge declared Fire Prevention Week an official national observance. Ever since, the Sunday through Saturday period containing the October 9 anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire has been the focus of an annual fire safety campaign sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

For more information about the Roselle Fire Department Open House, please contact Fire Shift Commander David Gnadl at (630) 671-2855.