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PFD Simulates Fire Event for Life Safety Message

Philadelphia, PA: On Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer and firefighters from the Philadelphia Fire Department will conduct a Citywide Home Fire Drill to stress the importance for citizens to plan and practice their home escape plan. A residential fire drill will take place at 719 Knorr Street. Afterwards all citizens are asked to participate in the citywide fire drill at 7:30 p.m. when fire apparatus sirens throughout the city sound off in all neighborhoods. All Philadelphians are urged to participate by putting their home escape plan to the test.

"A home fire escape plan should include at least two ways out from your home, and a family meeting place outside of the home to call 9-1-1... either from a cell phone or neighbor's home," says Fire Commissioner Sawyer, "the most crucial aspect of the home escape plan is practicing it with your family, and committing it to memory. I want you to join in the City wide Home Fire Drill by practicing leaving your respective home in a safe and expedient manner. It could mean the difference between life and death."

The Gillis Family of Northeast Philadelphia volunteered for the simulated fire drill to utilize their practiced home escape plan and share this important message. Firefighters from Engine Company 71 and Ladder Company 15 will respond to the scene of the simulated drill.

Fire Commissioner Sawyer wishes to remind all that Fire is Everyone's Fight™

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