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Hundreds of Oakland Youth to learn Fire Prevention tips during Fire Safety Day

Oakland, CA - The Oakland Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau will host a Fire Safety Day on Friday, October 9, 2015, at the Lake Merritt Garden Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of the event is to teach 300 to 400 invited Oakland schoolchildren the importance of fire prevention and safety. Children will participate in a variety of hands-on activities and lectures, with the ultimate goal of providing fire safety information to be used both at home and school. With the guidance of the Fire Prevention Bureau staff and volunteers, including Smokey the Bear, students will learn the importance of fire safety using, a Fire Safety Doll House, video presentations and a Fire Engine display.

This event is a part of National Fire Prevention Week (October 4 to 10, 2015), a nationwide effort to promote fire safety. This year the national fire safety theme is: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep."

The Oakland Fire Department has received tremendous support for this event from several organizations, including the East Bay Regional Parks, Gazzail's Supermarket, Bay EMT and the Alameda County Fire Department. Together, we all look forward to a wonderful event promoting fire prevention and fire safety for Oakland children.

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