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**Fairfield, CA – (Thursday, September 20, 2018)** - To coincide with National Fire Prevention Week, the Fairfield Fire Department is hosting an open house at Station 37 from 5 to 8p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018. “I am very proud to open up the fire department for our residents to see firsthand what an outstanding fire department we enjoy here in Fairfield,” said Fire Chief Tony Velasquez.

All Fairfield residents are invited to enjoy free barbequed hot dogs, fresh popcorn, and dessert at the event. In addition, while supplies last, the department will be giving away grant-funded smoke detectors to Fairfield residents in need. “The last two years we have been very successful at obtaining grants that allow us to give away state- of-the-art smoke detectors to Fairfield residents who might not otherwise have them. It is very important to me that we educate the public about fire safety—especially smoke detectors,” Chief Velasquez explained. For children, the department will offer fire prevention week goodie bags and activities. The fire truck, tools, trailers, and turnouts will also be on display for all guests to explore. Both Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog will make appearances at the event.

Fire Prevention Week is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The latest statistics from the NFPA show that if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die today than you were a few decades ago. This startling statistic is behind this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme: “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere.™” Through three simple calls-to-action, this year’s theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one: Look for places fire can start, Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm, and Learn two ways out of each room.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend the open house, where all residents will have an opportunity to interact with firefighters and members of our Community Emergency Response Team to learn more about fire and home safety. In addition, leadership for the youth Explorer and Reserve Firefighter programs will also have booths to share information about how to apply and get more involved with the fire service.

Station 37 is located at 1200 Kentucky Street and the open house will take place on the apparatus floor. The administrative office at Station 37 is home to the City of Fairfield's Emergency Operations Center, which will also be open for interested residents to explore while attending the Fire Prevention Week Open House.

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**About the Fairfield Fire Department**

The department's mission is to provide quality emergency services by highly-trained and motivated professionals. With a commitment to exceptional customer service, its vision is to be a progressive fire department in pursuit of a safer community. Fairfield Fire aspires to have a highly trained, well-equipped workforce that is prepared to respond to all current and future needs of those it serves.