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**LIBERTY LAKE MAYOR, CRIS KAMINSKAS PROCLAIMS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2021, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
*FIRE PREVENTION WEEK FOCUS – LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE
SAFETY***

City of Liberty Lake Mayor Cris Kaminskas proclaimed the week of October 3, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week. Mayor Kaminskas signed the proclamation at the City of Liberty Lake Council meeting held on September 21, 2021.

“It is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must act!” said Mayor Cris Kaminskas. “Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”

[Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](http://www.spokanevalleyfire.com) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.” This year’s focus is on educating children and adults about smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, their necessity, and how the sounds they make help save lives.

“What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,” said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

“Every day of every week, SVFD responds to a call regarding Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Alarms,” said SVFD Fire Marshal, Greg Rogers.

[Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](#) wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- CO alarms need to be replaced between 5-10 years, depending on the manufacturer.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week visit www.fpw.org or spokanevalleyfire.com