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URBANA FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY NIGHT

The Urbana Fire Department starts National Fire Prevention Week (October 8 – 14, 2023) with their annual event, **Urbana Fire Community Risk Reduction Family Night**, or what is commonly known as "UFD Family Night."

Bring the family and meet-up with neighbors and friends at UFD Family Night which will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 8, 2023, at the Lincoln Square Mall southeast parking lot.

This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You." Cooking brings family and friends together. It provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. However, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. This event will focus on this theme in a family-friendly and fun manner.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the emergency and responder vehicles that will be on hand as part of the TOUCH-A-TRUCK portion of the event, as well as FREE Kona Ice for kids aged 12 and under (from 3 to 5 p.m.), a D.J. playing those hot tunes that are "fire," and the ever-popular and locally famous Smith Burger Company food truck. Plus, attendees can sign-up for a free smoke detector, take advantage of family-friendly photo-ops, and much more.

The Urbana Fire Department will address hot topics such as cooking fires, how to handle them, how to get help, and most importantly how to prevent these fires from ever starting. Later UFD will light up the event with a CONTROLLED LIVE FIRE DEMONSTRATION to end the day's festivities (see the video from last year's demo here).

Other features will be:

- 1. The Urbana Police Department focusing on "risk"
- 2. The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District centering on pedestrian and bicycle safety

- 3. Carle Arrow Ambulance and the Carle Critical Care Team emphasizing emergency medical care
- 4. METCAD showing a 9-1-1 demonstration
- 5. Tatman's Towing Heavy Recovery Tow Vehicle
- 6. The Urbana High School Football Team will be on-hand assisting the demonstrations and event-goers



We look forward to seeing you there!

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