FIRE SAFETY & AWARENESS

1. Install smoke alarms in each bedroom, outside of sleeping areas and rooms and on each level of your home.

2. Practice an escape plan from every room in the house. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never to open doors that are hot. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house. Get out then call for help.

3. Carbon Monoxide gas is dangerous; a quiet killer; a smokeless, odorless gas that can sneak up on you. Make sure you have CO detectors installed at the proper locations in your home.

4. Test your smoke alarms each month and change the batteries at least once a year.

5. Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least three feet away.

6. Install noncombustible ¼ inch or smaller mesh screening on attic/soffit vents and around elevated wood decks to keep out embers. Install approved or listed spark arresters on chimneys of solid fuel or liquid fuel burning appliances.

7. Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire resistant drapes.

8. Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.

9. Maintain a “defensible” space around your home by clearing all flammable vegetation to a minimum of 30 feet around all structures. Clear dead leaves and branches to leave widely spaced ornamental shrubbery and trees.

10. Plant fire prone trees and shrubs away from your home and far enough apart so they won’t ignite one another.