

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 6, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Copy of Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week 2010

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARMANIAN proclaimed October 3 through the 9th as National Fire Prevention Week. Ever since a fire on October 9, 1871 nearly destroyed Chicago, the United States government began to recognize October as National Fire Prevention month. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms, a sound you can live with." Most fatal fires occur between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Firefighters emphasize that smoke detectors should be installed at every level of the house.

CHIEF GREG GAMMON stated that the mission of the United States Fire Administration is fire prevention. Firefighters go to schools to educate children on fire safety. He encouraged the public to attend the open house to be held this weekend in fire stations throughout the City from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public can meet the firefighters, see all the equipment used to fight fires and ask questions about fire prevention.

COUNCILWOMAN TARMANIAN added that TIM SZYMANSKI, Public Information Officer, meets with different groups to speak about fire prevention and the importance of having fire extinguishers in the home.

