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The City of Plainfield Fire Department Hosts Annual Fire Prevention Fair 2021

Plainfield, NJ – On Saturday, October 2, 2021, the City of Plainfield's Fire Department hosted its annual Fire Prevention Fair at Library Park. Each year, the event has been a fixture and serves to educate and inform residents of the importance of taking proactive fire prevention measures. As the climate changes and the temperature begins to drop, the risk for house fires increases. During the winter, heating equipment remains the leading cause of fires nationwide ([source](#)). According to FEMA, 5.2% per million population perish from a fire-related incident ([source](#)). Residents and visitors must identify and eliminate dangerous fire-prone actions, keep fire alarms up to date, and ascertain the meaning behind the varying fire alarms. Year to date, Plainfield's Fire Department has put out 167 fires, varying from car fires to kitchen fires and even construction fires.

The Fire Prevention Fair, which began at 10 am and culminated at 3 pm, was well attended. Fire Director Kenneth Childress and Deputy Chief Franklin kicked off the official program by welcoming participants and thanking all who lent their support to make the Fire Prevention Fair possible. Council Vice President Barry Goode presented a proclamation to Plainfield's Fire Department on behalf of Mayor Adrian O. Mapp. "Whereas the members of the Plainfield Fire Department are joined in their Fire prevention efforts by the citizens of this community, who enthusiastically support its efforts to create more public awareness of fire problems and fire preventions. Therefore, I, Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor of the City of Plainfield, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 2, 2021, as the annual Fire Prevention Safety and Health Fair Day in the City of Plainfield and ask that all residents and visitors join in celebrating this annual event and acknowledging Plainfield's bravest on keeping our families and city safe." - *Mayor Adrian O. Mapp.*

Proclamations from Assemblywoman Linda Carter, on behalf of New Jersey's Senate and General Assembly, and County Commissioner Rebecca Williams, on behalf of Union County, were presented to Plainfield's Fire Department. In addition, Councilman Charles McRae and Councilwoman Ashley Davis were also in attendance. Preceding the presentation of proclamations, Deputy Chief Franklin

held an informational segment in which he demonstrated the various sounds of a fire alarm and their meaning, quizzing attendees to test their knowledge and retention.

Screams of excitement and laughter were heard throughout the day as kids ran around taking pictures with our fire prevention mascot, took rides on the miniature fire truck, and slid down the inflatable slide. Free book bags and baby clothes were distributed to kids in attendance. The event also featured COVID-19 vaccinations, free pumpkin picking, Love Plainfield Giveaways, and an assortment of free food and treats.

"Thank you to those who helped make this year's Fire Prevention Fair a success and to all who attended," said Mayor Adrian O. Mapp. "I hope you'll take the information you learned and apply it in your homes. Check your Fire alarms regularly, teach your kids about fire safety and the purpose behind a fire alarm; the life you save could be your own."

Event remarks: [\(99\) The City of Plainfield's Annual Fire Prevention Fair Remarks | Plainfield, NJ - YouTube](#)