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Dubuque Fire Department to Conduct Side-by-Side Fire Demonstration

DUBUQUE, Iowa –To help area residents understand the dangers of home fires and the importance of fire safety technology, the City of Dubuque Fire Department will conduct a live side-by-side fire and sprinkler demonstration at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Dubuque County Fire Training Center, located at 14928 Public Safety Way. The public is invited to attend this free event.

The educational demonstration will last approximately one hour. Dubuque firefighters will set fire to two structures that simulate a typical home, containing common furnishings, window treatments, and a working smoke alarm. For comparison, one of the structures will contain a fire sprinkler. Dubuque County firefighters and fire apparatus will be on the scene through the entire demonstration.

“By providing this unique live fire comparison, people not only gain an appreciation for fire power, they also realize what an incredible advantage it is to have a fire sprinkler system installed if fire breaks out,” said Jeff Zasada, inspector for the City of Dubuque Building Services Department. “There's nothing like the heat and smoke of a real fire to help adults and children understand just how fast a home fire is.”

The demonstration is sponsored by the Dubuque Fire Department in partnership with the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC), with support from Spahn & Rose Lumber, Sherwin-Williams, and Vrban Fire Protection.

For information about home fire sprinklers, visit the HFSC website at www.HomeFireSprinkler.org. Vendors will be also be present at the demonstration for information on fire protection products.

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