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National Community Risk Reduction Week

Olympia – The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is joining safety professionals across the nation to promote the awareness of Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week, January 15-21, 2024.

CRR is a data-driven process that identifies and prioritizes the reduction of fire and life safety risks. When done strategically, the results will help invest resources to reduce the risks occurrence and impact with the goal to build healthy, safe, and resilient communities. For fire service agencies, share the role of CRR and show how, no matter what type whether paid or volunteer, can use CRR concepts to make the community safer.

This year CRR Week kicks off on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is a National Day of Service on the Monday, January 15h. Although CRR Week coincides with Dr. King Jr's Day celebration, CRR is something that applies to every community year round.

Data submitted to the SFMO from fire departments in Washington State shows there were more than 30,733 fire incidents reported in 2022, resulting in 81 civilian fire fatalities and an estimated \$330 million in property damage.

The SFMO is committed to protecting the residents of Washington State and their property in collaboration with the fire service and other public safety professionals through CRR efforts.

For more information on CRR Week go to: <https://crrweek.org/> or contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3929.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 17 minutes, a fire department in Washington responds to a fire somewhere in the state, a fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 74 minutes, and an emergency medical service and rescue incident takes place every 48 seconds; and

WHEREAS, fires were responsible for 81 civilian deaths, and an estimated over \$330 million in property damage; and

WHEREAS, more than 66,255 wildfires burned 7,534,403 acres in the United States in 2022 with over 110,025 acres burned in Washington state in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the fire service strives to reduce the impact of anticipated emergencies that have the potential to cause loss of life and damage to property, infrastructure, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-driven process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is implemented through action in the areas of the five E's; Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and

WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 15-21, 2024, as

Community Risk Reduction Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 29th day of December, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

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