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Richlands Fire Rescue Receives \$750 Stipend to Conduct Home Fire Sprinkler Educational Program on October 10 2026

(Richlands, Virginia) - The Richlands Fire Rescue awarded a \$750 stipend from the national nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) to increase awareness about the dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers. During Fire Prevention Week 10/4/2026-10/10/2026 Richlands Fire Rescue will host a Safety Day at our fire station.

Richlands Fire Rescue will host a Fire Prevention Safety Day on 10/10/2026 at our fire station. With the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative, HFSC co-sponsors Home Fire Sprinkler an educational program carried out annually in the U.S. and Canada. It unites the fire service in the effort to increase awareness of home fire dangers to civilians and responders and facts about installing fire sprinklers in new homes.

"Every community needs the facts about home fire sprinklers, including Richlands Virginia. We are honored to have been selected for this generous stipend," said Rhudy Keith, Jr, Fire Chief of the Richlands Fire Rescue "Using the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's educational materials, we will raise awareness of how quickly a home fire can become deadly and the life-saving impact of installing home fire sprinklers."

According to HFSC:

- Without sprinklers, today's home fires become deadly in as little as two minutes.
- These fires put residents and firefighters at risk from toxic smoke, heat and flames.
- With sprinklers, in a home fire the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate when the temperature reaches about 165F.
- The sprinkler will spray water directly on the fire, controlling or putting it out. In most home fires just one sprinkler activates.

The HFSC Stipend Program is funded through a grant from State Farm®.

For more information about home fire sprinklers, please visit the Richlands Fire Rescue website at town.richlands.va.us and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition website at www.homefiresprinkler.org.