



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : Humboldt Bay Fire Receives \$300 Stipend to Promote Home Fire Sprinkler Education

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Humboldt Bay Fire was awarded a \$300 stipend from the national nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) and State Farm to increase awareness about the dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers. Firefighter Rebecca Ciszewski secured the funds for the department, which will be used to build a 13D display of a home fire sprinkler system. The sprinkler parts for the display were generously donated by AGF Manufacturing and the stipend was used to purchase the remaining supplies needed for the display including wood for the frame, PVC pipe, and screws needed per the building instructions. The display will be available for public viewing through the front window of our Headquarters station at 533 C St, Eureka, CA 95501 for the duration of Home Fire Sprinkler Week of May 16-22 and will be featured on our social media channels for viewing from home.

With the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative, HFSC co-sponsors Home Fire Sprinkler Week- an educational program carried out annually in the U.S. and Canada which unites the fire service in the effort to increase awareness of home fire dangers to civilians and responders.

“Every community needs the facts about home fire sprinklers, including Eureka. We are honored to have been selected for this generous stipend,” said Humboldt Bay Firefighter Rebecca Ciszewski. “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 165°F.
- The sprinkler will spray water directly on the fire, controlling or putting it out. In most home fires just one sprinkler activates.

For more information about home fire sprinklers, please visit the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition website at www.homefiresprinkler.org.

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