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Firefighters teach fire safety skills to Arlington elementary students

ARLINGTON- Firefighters with North County Fire EMS have been visiting elementary schools in Arlington this fall to teach students the importance of fire safety. They showed students what a firefighter looks and sounds like when they have all their gear on.

“Our goal is to alleviate fear,” said Captain Matt Fleischbein. “If we have to enter a student’s home, we don’t want them to hide from us; we want them to exit their home as soon as possible.”

Fleischbein stressed the importance of having a family evacuation plan and encouraged the students to practice that plan with their families. It’s also critical to test smoke detectors annually to ensure they’re in good working order.

“Three out of five deaths related to fires are due to inoperable smoke detectors,” said Fleischbein. “If a family doesn’t have a working smoke detector, they can contact our department and we’ll provide one to them.”

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North County Fire EMS firefighter, Tim Davies, shows Eagle Creek Elementary students what a firefighter looks and sounds like with all their gear so students aren't afraid if a firefighter has to enter their home.