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**Moraga-Orinda Fire District**

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**Moraga-Orinda Fire District Hosts Open House and Urges Residents to “Have Two Ways Out!” During Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012**

Orinda, CA – If you wake up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of American households estimated they would have at least 6 minutes to escape before a fire in their home became life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less.

That’s why the Moraga-Orinda Fire District is holding their open house on October 13 and teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012, to urge residents to “Have Two Ways Out,” by focusing on the importance of fire escape planning and practices.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Moraga Lions will be hosting an Open House and Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to close out Fire Prevention Week. Bring the entire family to Station 41 at 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga, on Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 8am-12pm – breakfast will be served at 9am. Meet your local firefighters, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, take a tour of the engines and ambulance and obtain valuable information on what you and your family can do to “Have Two Ways Out!” Through our educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn about the importance of fire escape planning and practices, as well as being provided with other fire prevention and general safety information.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

“One residential structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in 2010,” says Fire Chief Randall Bradley of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. “Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family’s safety should fire break out in your home.”

Moraga-Orinda Fire District recommends the following tips for planning your family’s escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone should meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write 9-1-1 (or the emergency telephone number for the fire department) on your escape plan.
- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

To find out more about the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Pancake Breakfast and Open House, please contact Grace Santos at 925-258-4525 ext. 533 or visit the [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org). To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit NFPA's Web site at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).