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Live side by side burn to demonstrate effectiveness of residential fire suppression sprinkler systems

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska)— The Alaska Division of Fire and Life Safety and the Anchorage Fire Department will intentionally light two fires in front of a live audience at the Anchorage Fire Training Center. The event will take place on June 17th at 2:00 pm at 1140 Airport Heights Drive Anchorage, AK

“Sometimes people just need to see it to believe it,” said Mahlon Greene, Alaska Division of Fire and Life Safety Public Education Coordinator. “There’s nothing like the heat and smoke of a real fire to help adults and children understand just how fast a home fire is. With our side-by-side comparison, we can show both the danger of fire and the value of having a fire sprinkler system installed.”

Live burn demonstrations are a safe but dramatic way for fire departments across the country to provide a lasting impression on the danger of home fires. Alaska residents will see firsthand why a typical home fire becomes deadly in three minutes or less.

Firefighters and fire sprinkler pipe fitters built two structures for the demo. Each room contains common furnishings, window treatments and a working smoke alarm. Only one of the rooms contains a fire sprinkler.

For safety purposes, firefighters and fire trucks from the Anchorage Fire Department will be present.

“By providing this unique live fire comparison, people not only gain an appreciation for fire power; they also realize what an incredible advantage it is to have a fire sprinkler system installed if fire breaks out,” said Greene.

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