Every Smoke Alarm Has an Expiration Date

The Rosenberg Fire Department wants you to check your smoke alarm. If it’s more than ten years old, it’s time for a new one!

A recent survey conducted by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. It’s a common misconception that smoke detectors last forever.

“Time and again, I’ve seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, but I’ve also seen the tragedy that can result when smoke alarms aren’t working properly,” says Fire Marshal Justin Jurek. “That’s why we’re making a concerted effort to educate our residents about the importance of smoke alarms, and that they do have a life limit.”

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA is promoting this year’s campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”

This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018, and the Rosenberg Fire Department wants you to remember to check all of the smoke detectors in your home. First, you need to make sure that they have not expired. Then, you need to make sure that the batteries are still good. To find out how old your smoke alarm is, and its expiration date, just look on the back of the alarm! That’s where the date of manufacture is marked. Your smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). The Rosenberg Fire Department wants to remind you to check all of your smoke alarms monthly.

What’s Yours?

Finally Fireworks!

The fireworks show that was cancelled for our Family 4th Celebration event in July has been rescheduled!

The fireworks will take place during the Sneak Peak Day at Fort Bend County Fair. That way, anyone who is already out enjoying the fair will be able to watch the fireworks at the same time!

The show will begin at dusk on Thursday, September 27, 2018. Spectators may watch from the lawn near the Gazebo at Seabourne Creek Nature Park or from the fairgrounds.

Photos by Ron Grimes

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Our Government
The City of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City’s daily operations.

City Council
Mayor: William T. Benton
At Large 1: Jacob E. Balderas
At Large 2: Amanda J. Barta
District 1: Isaac Davila
District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
District 4: Richard Olson

City Manager
John Maresh

Meetings
City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month. Check the website for times, agendas, etc. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16 or at: www.rosenbergtx.gov/TV

City Mission Statement
To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service; and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation, and cooperative partnerships.

NUMBERS TO KNOW
Animal Control 832.595.3490
Citizen Relations 832.595.3301
Customer Service - Utilities 832.595.3400
Police Dispatch - Non-Emergency 832.595.3700
Republic Services - Solid Waste 713.726.7300

The best part about National Night Out is the individual block parties that people put on, but I don’t want to leave out the City block party, either. This year, for the first time we will be having it at Texas State Technical College. I love to see what booths are set up each year and it’s fun to meet all the kids that visit Rosenberg Police Department’s booth. The best part, though, is the opportunity to get out and talk to the people in the community one-on-one. With all the recent events around the country, NNO is a great place to experience that unity. It’s really just an all-around great experience and I hope everyone is as excited as I am to attend this year’s event.

What is National Night Out? It’s one of our favorite nights of the year. We go out and visit with citizens who host block parties and get to know our community and they get to know us. We bring Rosenberg Police Department swag for the kids and show them how we use some of our equipment. It’s really a unique experience. As part of the Community Resource Officer program, we really strive to bring the neighborhood aspect back into policing. It’s about really helping each other out and keeping each other safe. What better way to get to know your neighbor than a block party, and we love being invited to attend.

Officer Justin Rogers

“...”
In addition to the numerous block parties held around the City by neighborhoods and organizations such as Friends of North Rosenberg, the City will be holding their annual National Night Out event at Texas State Technical College on Tuesday, October 2nd. Join us for this free event and meet local police officers and fire fighters, visit vendor booths, and enjoy fun and games. Each neighborhood block party is different but there’s one thing that’s the same: visiting with old friends and making new ones.

“I invite everyone to come outside on National Night Out and have fun,” Mayor William Benton said. “See old friends, make new ones. National Night Out means fun-- and friends! Come out and meet the neighbors.”

Think you might be interested in hosting your own block party for National Night Out? Visit the City website at www.rosenbergtx.gov or call (832) 595-3749 to get registered or to find out if anyone is having a block party in your area.

2018 National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at TSTC in Rosenberg from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Please help us welcome our new Police Chief, Jonathan White. Chief White has served the City of Rosenberg for 12 years, in several different positions. Chief White began his career as a patrol officer in 2006 and served as a Field Training Officer (FTO) while in the patrol division. "One of the most rewarding positions I have held in law enforcement is that of an FTO". Chief White highlights that as an FTO he took pride in helping new officers learn proper patrol techniques and enjoyed watching officers grow into great officers. Chief White served as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division where he investigated a variety of crimes for 7 years to include homicides, robberies, sex crime investigations, crimes against children, domestic violence, burglary and theft. While in the Criminal Investigations Division, Chief White promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he helped lead the division to great success in their investigative efforts. Chief White holds a Master certificate with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and a Bachelor degree from Sam Houston State University. Chief White is also a certified police instructor. Chief White has been awarded the Officer of the year award, Detective of the year award, several Chief’s commendations, and the lifesaving award while serving the City of Rosenberg. Chief White has committed to RPD being an excellent police department and a leader among law enforcement agencies by hiring and promoting professional police officers and professional staff. Chief White vows to maintain the highest standards of performance, accountability and best practices to provide the citizens of Rosenberg the world-class police department they deserve.

Meet the Chief
Jonathan White