



A Proclamation by South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week – October 5 – 11, 2025

Proclamation No. 2025-04

WHEREAS, South Metro Fire Rescue is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who live, work, visit, and play in our District; and

WHEREAS, the members of South Metro Fire Rescue’s Community Risk Reduction, Fire Marshal, Communications, Fire Suppression, and Emergency Medical Services are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of death, injuries, and property damage through the identification of risks, education of citizens, enforcement of codes and standards, investigation of fires and explosions, and response to emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of

using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors recognizes October 5 - 11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week and serves to remind all citizens of the District of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and our community.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2025.

By:  _____
SMFR Board Chair