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2014 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October, the National Fire Protection Association serves as the official sponsor of a nationwide fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety education. This year's theme focuses on a very important activity – testing your smoke alarms every month!

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Fire Safety Program, in observing this year's Fire Prevention Week, will have an exhibit and information desk at the Campus Center on October 10, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. We will be handing out work place fire safety/fire prevention brochures and answer questions on fire safety/fire prevention.