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### **Community Risk Reduction Week: January 18-22, 2021**

**Olympia** – The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is joining safety professionals across the nation to promote Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week.

CRR is a data-driven process that identifies and prioritizes fire and life safety risks, then strategically invests resources to reduce their occurrence and impact.

Data submitted to the SFMO from fire departments in Washington State shows there were more than 23,400 fire incidents reported in 2019, resulting in 54 fire fatalities and an estimated \$220 million in property damage.

The goal of CRR is to build healthy, safe, and resilient communities by educating individuals about the important actions they can take to keep themselves and their families safe and prepared before an emergency occurs.

The SFMO is committed to protecting the citizens of Washington State and their property in collaboration with the fire service and other public safety professionals through CRR efforts.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3929.

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The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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