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### National Community Risk Reduction Week

**Olympia-** The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is joining safety professionals across the country to promote Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week, taking place January 19 through 25, 2026. This annual weeklong event raises awareness within the fire service about the critical role of CRR and how fire departments of all types and sizes can apply proven strategies to improve safety in their communities. CRR Week highlights the "Five E's" of injury and fire prevention: Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Economic Incentives. Through a data-driven approach, CRR helps communities identify and prioritize local risks, followed by strategic investments in prevention and emergency response. These efforts reduce the frequency and impact of incidents while strengthening overall community safety and resilience.

Data submitted to the SFMO from fire agencies in Washington State shows there were more than 920,900 fire incidents reported in 2024, resulting in 72 civilian fire fatalities and nearly \$500 million in dollar loss. CRR Week serves as an opportunity for fire service professionals to deepen their understanding of statewide data and work together to build safer environments for all.

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

For more information on CRR Week go to: <https://crrweek.org/> or contact the SFMO at (360) 596-3904.

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