

Press Release

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Onalaska Fire Department will host its annual Open House on October 5th from 10am to 12pm. The public is invited to bring the family, learn about Fire Safety and have fun. There will be a bounce house for the children donated by the Big Event Company, Batteries Plus will be on hand giving out free 9 Volt batteries for smoke detectors, and at 11am the Med-link Helicopter will be landing in the parking lot of the Fire Department.

"We have the Fort McCoy Fire Safety House," said Assistant Fire Chief Troy Guide, "which is an excellent tool to teach people how to safely escape a house fire. Our Fire Fighters will be giving tours of the trucks and equipment and of course our robotic mascot Cinder and Blaze will be talking to the kids about fire safety. It's going to be a great family event, this year especially."

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This year the Fire Department is partnering with the Onalaska Police Department and Justice for a Cure to raise money for breast cancer research. So in addition to all the usual fun and educational activities there will be a Brat and Bake Sale and several members of the Coulee Region Home Based Vendors will have booths and will be donating a percentage of their sales for breast cancer research.

Officer Errin Corrin of the Onalaska Police Department is coordinating the Justice for a Cure efforts as part of the Open House.

"It was very generous of the Fire Department to offer to partner with us," said Officer Corrin, "the Police Department has been raising money in support of Justice for a Cure for the past three years and we are confident that incorporating our efforts into the Fire Department Open House will yield a good result, how could it not? When you couple great family activities with good food and a worthy cause everyone wins."

The Open House will be held at the Onalaska Fire Department at 415 Main Street.