

NEWS RELEASE

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"FAMILY SAFETY AWARENESS DAY"

This year, the Lincoln Fire Department, SAFE Partnership Committee, and the Lancaster County Mutual Aid Association Fire Departments have teamed up to present an annual event held every year. Known to many as the "Learn Not To Burn Day" event, the new and improved name is now "Family Safety Awareness Day". Join the Lincoln Fire Department for the 17th Annual "*FAMILY SAFETY AWARENESS DAY*" Day on **Sunday, September 24th, 2000 from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.** This event will be held at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds.

Among the many characters to be present at this event are LFD's Sparky, University of Nebraska, Herbie Husker and Lil Red, Nebraska Safety Council, Vince & Larry Crash Dummies, State Farm Insurance, Good Neighbor Bear, Nebraska Forest Service, Smokey the Bear, Runza Restaurant, Runza Rex and the Shriner Clowns. Opening ceremonies are at 1:00 p.m. with various events following such as, LFD High Angle rescue demonstrations, State Fire Marshall arson dogs, UNL cheer leaders and dance team, Ne. State Patrol dogs demonstration, Capital City Cloggers, SE Rural Fire automobile jaws of life extrication, LES high voltage power line demonstration, Raymond Rural Fire dive rescue team demonstration and Jacobsen Fire Equipment hands-on fire extinguisher demonstration.

There will be approximately 50 booths for fun and educational exhibits with information and displays for citizen participation. Free refreshments, ice-cream and food will be available, and there will be door prize drawings, along with three separate drawings for free children's boys and girls bicycles throughout the event. For more information, please call 441-7363.