

2019 Fire Prevention Week theme announced

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You can be a hero without a cape

The City of Gallup opened its regular meeting Sept. 24 by introducing a VIP: Sparky, the mascot dog of the Gallup Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association.

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Mayor Jackie McKinney issued a proclamation by the City of Gallup declaring Oct. 6 - 12 as Fire Prevention Week.

The message Gallup Fire Department wants to spread for Fire Prevention Week 2019 is “Not every hero wears a cape.” That includes Sparky.

Fire Prevention Week will involve numerous activities and information sessions that will help to ensure the safety and security of Gallup residents, McKinney said.

“We will urge people to be aware of their surroundings and find a way out of a building in case of an emergency,” McKinney said, detailing what will be taught during Fire Prevention Week and how the city will support public safety efforts.

Fire Chief Eric Babcock voiced his appreciation for the proclamation, and said he hopes people will come out to help spread the joys of fire prevention. Babcock received a plaque from the mayor bearing the proclamation, and he, along with members of Gallup Fire Department, including Sparky, posed for photos.

Then, the Fire Chief announced an open house at Gallup Fire Department, 1800 S. Second St., for Oct. 5 to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Another way youngsters in the community can get involved is by visiting Sparky The Fire Dog at his Facebook page, on Twitter @Sparky_Fire_Dog and at www.sparky.org

“You are the heroes of this community, not the ones who wear a cape,” McKinney said.

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