

# **TERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITY 2020**

### **Our Community Fire Drill**

#### **Operation E.D.I.T.H.**

What is Operation E.D.I.T.H.? Operation E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drill In The Home) is a community home fire drill that is being planned for the residents of the Town of Plymouth by the Terryville Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2020.

We urge all residents to plan and then perform an exit drill in the home. Instructions for conducting an exit drill in the home are explained below.

On Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 7 pm our community fire drill will begin. We strongly urge you and your family to actually practice an exit drill in the home at this time. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

After completing your exit drill, please leave your front door light or lamp post on for 30 minutes so that firefighters riding in fire apparatus and touring town roads may determine the number of households participating in the drill.

### **CONDUCTING AN EXIT DRILL IN THE HOME**

#### **Three basic steps to fire safety**

- 1. In the event of a fire at your home, get out as quickly as possible. Once out stay out.**
- 2. Have your family members meet outside at your prearranged meeting place.**
- 3. To call the fire department – Dial 911.**

### Operation E.D.I.T.H. Instructions

1. Everyone is in his/her bedroom – doors are closed.
2. At 7:00 pm someone sounds the alarm.
3. Each person tests his/her door for heat.
4. Pretend it is hot. Use an alternate exit route to the outside.
5. Everyone meets at the prearranged meeting place. All family members are accounted for.

### Some Fire Safety Tips

1. Install smoke alarms. Replace the battery at least once per year.
2. Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.
3. Plan two escape routes from every room in your home.
4. Have your chimney cleaned and checked at least once per year, especially if you use your fireplace or a wood burning often.
5. Never leave candles burning unattended.
6. Be prepared for emergencies. Take the time to create an emergency supplies kit. To find out what you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).