



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL W. DYER  
FIRE CHIEF

4410 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **- Fire Escape Planning and Home Fire Safety -**

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. May 19, 2011 –Each year, people die or are injured as a result of fires. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department wants to remind people that you can stop a fire before it starts.

One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to have a working smoke detector. A smoke detector greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire.

Know your local emergency numbers. In most areas the number is 9-1-1.

Never open doors that are hot.

Teach your family to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch fire.

Practice finding your way out of the house with your eyes closed, crawling or staying low to the floor and feeling your way out of the house.

Decide on a meeting place outside your home and check to see if anyone is missing. Everyone must get out and stay out.

Remember to escape first and then call the fire department.

Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two ways to escape from each room in the house.

Help children and senior citizens escape from a fire.

**Never** go back into a fire once you have escaped.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department encourages people to use these helpful tips to learn what to do if you have a fire in your home.

### **Contact Information:**

Captain David Sadecki

Information Officer

Office 805.681-5531

Cell 805.689-0599

News Line 805.681-5546

Email [david.sadecki@sbcfire.com](mailto:david.sadecki@sbcfire.com)

All Santa Barbara County Fire Department Public Service Announcements are available  
at [www.sbcfire.com](http://www.sbcfire.com)  
###