



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## **CRIME AND FIRE PREVENTION MONTH EVENTS IN MERIDIAN**

MERIDIAN – The Meridian Police and Fire Departments have organized events this month to bring awareness to the fact that October is both Crime Prevention Month and Fire Prevention Month.

“Meridian is one of the safest communities in Idaho and we want to keep it that way by reaching out to the public and providing opportunities for them to be involved in our public safety efforts,” said Meridian Police Chief Jeff Lavey.

“From events to education, Fire Prevention Month is a great way to raise awareness. This October we are focused on reminding the public to check the batteries in smoke detectors and to replace alarms every ten years,” said Meridian Fire Chief Mark Niemeyer.

The prevention events are listed below.

### **Public Safety Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 10am-2pm**

**Meridian Fire Station #1 – 540 E. Franklin Rd.**

This is a free event for the whole family with fun filled, yet informative demonstrations and activities put together by the Meridian Fire and Police Departments.

### **Nextdoor Training**

**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7pm-8pm**

**Meridian Public Safety Training Center – 1223 E. Watertower St.**

Learn more about the fundamentals of Nextdoor, how to supplement your Neighborhood Watch with Nextdoor and how to make Nextdoor work for you and your neighborhood.

### **Keys to Safe Driving**

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 9am-11am**

**Meridian Public Safety Training Center – 1223 E. Watertower St.**

Drivers ages 50 and older are invited to attend a free two-hour safe driving class led by Meridian Police Officers. Seniors who attend will be awarded a Certificate of Completion, which may qualify them for insurance rate discounts.



**Fire Prevention Month Poster Contest Celebration**

**Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4:30pm**

**Initial Point Gallery – Meridian City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

The public is invited to celebrate elementary school students from Meridian who won this year's fire prevention month poster contest focused on the 2016 theme: "Don't wait, check the date - replace smoke alarms".

**RX Take Back and Free Shred Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 22, 10am-2pm**

**St. Luke's Meridian – 520 S. Eagle Rd.**

This is a great event to drop off sensitive documents that need shredded and dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. The Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition is partnering with Crime Stoppers for this event. Donations are accepted and the proceeds will go to AARP

**Reality Party for Parents**

**Saturday, Oct. 29, 1pm-4pm**

**Forward Movement Training Center – 125 W. Taylor Ave., #600**

Parents are invited to tour a typical home teen party with local youth acting and voicing concerns expressed by teens. To reserve a spot or for more information visit, [www.meridianmadc.org](http://www.meridianmadc.org).

**Smoke Alarm Check for Free Pizza**

**Throughout the month**

**Meridian homes**

The Meridian Fire Department has partnered with Domino's Pizza again this year and will be checking randomly chosen Meridian homes to see if the smoke alarms are working. If the detectors work correctly, the families will receive free pizza.

For more information on this month's events, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).

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The City of Meridian is located in the heart of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. 24/7 Wall Street named Meridian the *Number One Place to Live in America*. America's Promise Alliance/ING recognized the city as one of the nation's *100 Best Communities for Young People*. For more information, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).