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FREE! Fire Safety/Prevention Expo in Awendaw on Oct. 19
Multiple agencies will share information and have interactive displays on hand for family fun

Charleston County Government announces a free Fire Safety and Prevention Expo that will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. The event, which is free to the public, will be held at The Palmetto Store in McClellanville (10086 U.S. Highway 17 North). In case of rain on the 19th, the event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the same time and location; the media/public will be notified if the date needs to be moved.

"Those who attend the Oct. 19 expo will have the opportunity to meet members of local, state and federal agencies who serve their community," said Ken Justice, an engineer with Charleston County's Awendaw District Fire Department. "Our department along with several other agencies will provide handouts and specific information pertaining to the agencies' missions."

Smokey Bear will be present at the event, and there will be various activities and games for children. Chic-fil-A restaurant is providing tea and lemonade free of charge.

Multiple local and state agencies will be represented at the expo, including:
- Charleston County Government
  - Awendaw District Fire Department
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad
  - EMS
- Lowcountry Firefighter Support Team
- St. James-Santee Family Health Center, Inc.
- S.C. Department of Natural Resources
- S.C. State Forestry Commission
- U.S. Forest Service
- The MEDUCARE helicopter

Anyone with questions on the event may contact Ken Justice, engineer with the Awendaw District Fire Department by phone at (843) 928-3000 or by email at kjustice@charlestoncounty.org.

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