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Town of Southern Pines Fire & Rescue partners with the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal, North Carolina Safe Kids and Lowe's Home Improvement of Southern Pines for a Christmas tree burning demonstration.

SOUTHERN PINES, NC — In an effort to raise awareness about the potential dangers of neglecting Christmas tree maintenance, The Town of Southern Pines Fire & Rescue Department is collaborating with the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal, North Carolina Safe Kids and Lowe's Home Improvement of Southern Pines to host a Christmas tree burning demonstration.

The event will take place at Station 82, located at 7850 NC 22 Hwy Southern Pines, NC 28387, on December 8th, commencing at 10 am.

The demonstration aims to highlight the importance of proper care for Christmas trees, specifically emphasizing the significance of regular watering. The partners involved are dedicated to educating the community on fire safety during the holiday season, especially concerning the potential hazards associated with dry Christmas trees. Attendees will witness a controlled burning of a dry Christmas tree, showcasing the rapid and intense fire spread that can occur without proper hydration. Firefighters and safety experts will be on-site to provide valuable tips on Christmas tree maintenance, fire prevention, and overall holiday safety.

"We want everyone to enjoy the festive season safely," said Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Kenneth Skipper, spokesperson for Southern Pines Fire & Rescue. "This demonstration serves as a visual reminder of the importance of keeping your Christmas tree well-watered to mitigate the risk of fire hazards in your home."

All members of the community are invited to attend this informative and interactive event. The organizers encourage individuals and families to learn more about fire safety practices to ensure a joyful and secure holiday season.

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