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MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

The City of Tucson Planning and Development Services Department will be observing May as Building Safety Month. Founded by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month (BSM) is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide.

Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand how their local building code officials help the community to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code administration and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild will meet with the department's Building Safety Division code inspectors and permit review staff to proclaim May as Building Safety Month in Tucson. Additionally, the Planning and Development Services Department will be observing Building Safety Month by providing free smoke detectors to customers applying for a new construction permit in May. Customers can also enter a drawing to win carbon monoxide detectors.

“Building safety is critical to the health and smart growth of our community, said Ernie Duarte, director of Planning and Development Services. One of our department's priorities is to ensure that construction in the City is done according to Council-adopted codes to protect the people who will be occupying and using the building.” The themes for this year are Fire Safety and Awareness, Disaster Safety and Mitigation, Backyard and Pool Safety, and Energy and Green Building.

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