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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST
HIGHLIGHTS FDNY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Special guests discuss the importance of fire safety and prevention

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October 9, 2018 — The New York City Emergency Management Department and the FDNY remind you to “stand by your pan.” In recognition of FDNY Fire Prevention Week, October 9 through 14, “Prep Talk” hosts sat down with FDNY’s Director of Community Engagement Fabricio Caro, and FDNY Lieutenant Michael Kozo, to talk about the importance of educating New Yorkers about fire safety and prevention. In this episode, Lt. Kozo and Mr. Caro discuss FDNY’s range of programs to help people become “FDNY Smart,” from frequently changing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, to standing by your pan while cooking and closing the door in the event of a fire.

This year, FDNY Fire Prevention Week will be held from October 9 through October 14. Annually, the FDNY provides outreach programs to educate New Yorkers by promoting safe practices and techniques at various locations throughout the five boroughs. For more information and resources about FDNY Fire Prevention Week, including a calendar of events, click [here](#), and join the conversation by using the hashtag [#FDNYSmart](#). Click to listen to episode 17 on [SoundCloud](#) and [iTunes](#).

Profiles

Fabricio Caro oversees FDNY’s interactions with community boards and community and faith-based organizations throughout the five boroughs. Through his leadership, the Community Affairs Unit has helped FDNY build relationships in communities throughout New York City. Under Mr. Caro’s direction, the unit received the Community Mayor’s Nick DeGaeta administrative award for spearheading a major department initiative — the FDNY’s 150th anniversary community block parties. These public events brought interaction between FDNY and thousands of members of the public, and enhanced awareness about fire and life safety education, and FDNY careers. Prior to joining FDNY, Mr. Caro served as Director of Center Programs for the Bronx-Westchester Area Health Education Center.

Lt. Michael Kozo began his career at the New York City Fire Department in 2003 as a firefighter in Jackson Heights, Queens. Following his promotion to lieutenant in 2011, Lt. Kozo worked in the First Fire Division in Lower Manhattan. He joined the FDNY’s Fire Safety Education Unit in 2016, where he educates the public with critical lifesaving strategies that focus on fire prevention. Prior to joining FDNY, Lt. Kozo was an elementary school teacher.



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