

CLOSING THE LOOP

Q3 2026 WEBINAR

Fire Safety 101

Background

In 2025, through the City's Brand Refresh surveys and broader engagement efforts, residents shared feedback not only on the City's visual identity, but also on how they prefer to receive information and engage with local government.

While many comments focused on branding, there was a clear desire to better understand City operations and particularly how decisions are made, how projects are funded and how public input influences outcomes.

From this feedback, four key engagement themes emerged, directly shaping the City's 2026 Community Engagement Plan. One of the strongest requests was for more educational, transparent and interactive opportunities to engage with City leadership. In response, a structured webinar series was developed to meet that need.



Webinar Summary

On July 31, 2026, the City of North Port hosted "Fire Safety 101", a webinar designed to help residents better understand everyday fire safety, emergency response and the important role North Port Fire Rescue plays in protecting the community.

The presentation covered a range of topics, including home fire prevention, open burning regulations, grilling and outdoor fire safety, wildfire preparedness, smoke alarms and what residents can do to reduce fire risks.

Residents received clear, practical information to help keep themselves, their families and their properties safe, while also gaining a better understanding of the services, expertise and community education provided by North Port Fire Rescue.

The goal was to increase awareness, dispel common misconceptions and empower residents with the knowledge and confidence to prevent fires, respond safely in an emergency and help build a more resilient community.



Participation

Questions and Answers

The webinar concluded with a live Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to submit questions and have these answered by City staff.

To uphold our commitment to transparency and “Closing the Loop,” we are sharing the questions and answers below. By documenting and publishing this discussion, we aim to ensure that all residents, whether they attended or not, have access to the information shared.

Can a generator be stored in a garage?

Yes. A portable generator can be safely stored in a garage when it is not in use. However, it should never be operated inside a garage, home or any enclosed or partially enclosed space, even if doors or windows are open. Running a generator produces carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that can quickly become deadly. Always operate generators outdoors in a well-ventilated area, away from doors, windows and vents to prevent carbon monoxide from entering your home.

Is there a general email address for North Port Fire Rescue if I have a question?

North Port Fire Rescue does not currently have a general email address for public inquiries. The best way to contact the department is by calling the main Fire Rescue phone number at 941-240-8150. Staff will direct your call to the appropriate person who can assist with your question. You can also email the City at ContactNorthPort@NorthPortFL.gov and your email will be directed to the appropriate staff member. The department is also exploring additional communication tools to make it even easier for residents to access information in the future.

Can I keep a gas grill on my lanai?

It depends on the type of home you live in. For townhouses, villas, apartments, condominiums, and other multifamily residential buildings—including single-family attached developments with more than three units—gas or propane grills (as well as hibachis and similar cooking devices) may not be used or lit on a balcony, beneath any overhanging portion of a building, or within 10 feet (3 meters) of any structure. These restrictions are in place to help protect residents and property. Any violation may result in fire-code enforcement, fines, an order to remove the grill, or a combination thereof. If you live in a one- or two-family dwelling, you may store a gas grill on your lanai or back porch, subject to any applicable local requirements. When it's time to grill, be sure to follow the manufacturer's safety instructions, use the grill only in a well-ventilated area, and keep it a safe distance from combustible materials. When in doubt, it's always a good idea to check your community association rules and local fire regulations before using or storing a grill.



Who is the Fire Marshal, and how can I contact them?

The City of North Port's Fire Marshal is Peter Marietti III. He oversees the Fire Prevention Division, including fire inspections, plan reviews and fire code enforcement. Residents with fire prevention or inspection-related questions can contact Fire Marshal Marietti at PMarietti@NorthPortFL.gov. North Port Fire Rescue also has a team of fire inspectors who assist with inspections and plan reviews as the department continues to grow.

What is ROSC, and what is North Port Fire Rescue's ROSC rate?

ROSC stands for Return of Spontaneous Circulation. It is a measure used in cardiac arrest cases to indicate that a patient's heart has started beating again and a pulse has been restored following emergency treatment.

North Port Fire Rescue's current ROSC rate is monitored on a 12-month rolling average and is in the mid-50% range, which is significantly higher than both the national and state averages (around 7% nationally and around 20% for Florida). This performance reflects the department's commitment to rapid response, strategically located fire stations, highly trained personnel and coordinated emergency medical care, all of which help improve patient outcomes during cardiac emergencies.

Where can we get more information about programs?

- **General Information:** Visit our website at NorthPortFL.gov/Fire
- **Recruitment:** Email us at NPFR-Recruitment@NorthPortFL.gov
- **Cadet Program:** Email NPFRCadets@NorthPortFL.gov or give us a call at 941-240-8150
- **Hands-on CPR:** Call NPFR at 941-240-8150 to reserve your spot
- **Smoke Detector Inspection/Installation & Battery Replacement:** Call us at 941-240-8150
- **File of Life:** Call NPFR at 941-240-8150
- **Facebook:** Facebook.com/NorthPortFD

Children and adults are always welcome to tour our stations. Please call 941-240-8150 to schedule an appointment. Fire safety information is incorporated into the tour.