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Fire sprinklers save lives

Firefighters rushed to the scene of a multi-alarm fire in Trenton last week, just before 7 a.m. The Genesee Street home was unoccupied at the time of the blaze ("South Ward home destroyed by fire," Oct. 16) and no one was displaced; however, multiple homes were damaged and three firefighters were taken to Capital Health Regional Medical Center after being overcome by exhaustion ("Firefighter recovering from injuries by collapsing roof," Oct. 18).

October is Fire Safety Month, during which we are reminded that, in many cases, properly installed and maintained fire sprinklers control and typically extinguish a fire before the fire

department even arrives on the scene. More important, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters who battle the fire.



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Fire on Genesee Street, Trenton gallery (13 photos)



Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible while helping to avoid potential tragedies.

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