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Two mock residence hall rooms will be lit on fire Friday afternoon during a sprinkler demonstration by the Charleston Fire Department.

The rooms will be displayed from approximately 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Eastern Illinois University's South Quad and will be ignited at 2 p.m., weather permitting, as a kickoff to Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Capt. James Calvert said one room has a sprinkler system and the other does not. He said the demonstration will show spectators how quickly sprinklers can extinguish a fire and minimize damage, and what can happen when a fire is left unchecked.

Calvert said **EIU** provided the sprinkler system, while Kirchner Building Center, Ace American Hardware and Home Depot donated the materials to make the rooms. He said **EIU**'s video production department will record the demonstration and give the split-screen footage to the department for future educational programs.

Friday's display also will include a fire extinguisher course, plus information on fire prevention, first aid, and the H1N1 **flu** virus.

The department plans to hold fire drills and escape programs in Charleston schools during Fire Prevention Week and to conclude the week with a 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 10 open house at the fire station behind McDonald's.

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