

Program:

Terry Thoem introduced our speaker, Yashna Thakker, from Harris County Emergency Service Division No. 48 Fire – EMS who spoke on the topic of Fire Safety and Slips, Trips and Falls in the home.

A few highlights from the program:

- Purpose of the Emergency Service Division is to provide a Community Outreach to protect community where they serve.
- Division includes four office locations with 60 full time employees.
- Provide service to the western part of Harris County, located between West Houston and Katy.
- In 2021, they received 10,383 EMS calls.
- Common calls included: bathtub falls and falling out of bed
- When EMS arrives at the home, they will evaluate and assess the incident to determine if individual should go to hospital. There will only be charges billed if the individual requires an ambulance to transport to the hospital.
- Some suggestions to help prevent falls included:
 - Being Aware of your surroundings
 - Don't be Distracted
 - Gripping socks
- ESD also offers a 6-week course for an hour each week called "Slips, Trips & Falls".