

PROCLAMATION

Fire Prevention Month

WHEREAS, each year, during the month of October, the Fire Department takes the opportunity to remind the citizens of Barrington of the devastating impact fire has on each of us; and

WHEREAS, public safety is a top priority in the Village of Barrington; and

*WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Month theme from the National Fire Protection Association is "Not every hero wears a cape. **PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!**"; and*

WHEREAS, single family residences continue to account for the vast majority of fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Village of Barrington has required fire sprinklers in all new commercial buildings and the Village of Barrington was the second city in Illinois to proactively adopt a zero square footage residential sprinkler ordinance in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in Barrington, our own dedicated firefighters and paramedics answered the call, day and night, 1,931 times last year in an effort to help people in need; and

WHEREAS, it is the time of year when we honor our Barrington career firefighters for their exemplary courage and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, the members of Barrington Fire Department and Barrington Police Department are hosting their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Public Safety Facility, 400 N. Northwest Highway, inviting all residents to attend; and

WHEREAS, during this event the Fire and Police Departments display their equipment purchased with tax dollars and citizen donations and provides instruction on fire prevention and public safety; and

WHEREAS, there will be hands-on learning for children to experience firefighter tasks; and

WHEREAS, this demonstration shows our residents that their dollars spent on fire protection and public education are an excellent investment in making Barrington a "Fire Safe" community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2019** as **Fire Prevention Month**, and call upon all citizens to acquaint themselves with the services and activities of the Barrington Fire Department.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2019

*Karen Darch
Village President*