

# *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 "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"; 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, 3,162 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 and part-time 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, September 27th, 2014 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 2014** as **Fire Prevention Month**, and call upon all citizens to acquaint themselves with the services and activities of the Barrington Fire Department.*

*Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014*

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*Karen Darch  
Village President*