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## CITY OF MONROE FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE

Monroe, Michigan – The City of Monroe Fire Department is hosting its annual Fall Open House for National Fire Prevention Week at Fire Station No.1 located at 75 Scott Street. Members of the general public are invited Saturday, October 13th, from noon to 3 PM, to tour the facility.

Special activities will be particularly geared towards family participation, including an inflatable bouncer, trying on fire fighter gear, putting out a 'fire' with the hose, practicing with a fire extinguisher simulator, and special give-aways for children. Other activities include station tours and photo ops. Staff will be on hand to discuss issues of fire safety, demonstrate equipment use, etc.

New this year: a Coloring Contest for children in 6th grade and under. Grand prize winner is a bicycle donated by Jack's Bicycles in Downtown Monroe. Awards for second and third prize as well.

Complementary seasonal refreshments of cider and doughnuts will also be available.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend to meet and greet neighborhood emergency response personnel.

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. The first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge.

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County. Continually moving forward with innovative vision, the City of Monroe is Raisin' Expectations.



TOUR THE FIRE STATION • LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY 'BE A FIREFIGHTER' FOR THE DAY TRY ON THE GEAR AND 'PUT OUT THE FIRE' PRACTICE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER SIMULATOR

October is Fire Prevention Month

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