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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 the new Station No.1 located at 911 East Third Street. Members of the general public are invited Saturday, October 5th, from noon to 3 PM, to tour the brand new 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 giveaways 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.

Fire Chief Robert Wight: "This is a great opportunity to introduce the new station to the community, and to thank them for their support throughout this project. We are very proud to share this resource, with all the benefits and opportunities if affords, with our residents."

Back by popular demand: a Coloring Contest for children in 6th grade and under. Grand prize winner is a bicycle donated by Jack's Bicycles in Downtown Monroe.

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

On November 8th, 2016, residents of the City of Monroe voted to approve a millage to build a new fire and emergency response personnel station. Construction on the new Station #1 began last year following a ground breaking ceremony held September 5th, 2018. Staff have now moved into the facility and it is fully operational.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend to meet and greet neighborhood emergency response personnel, and tour the new state-of-the-art facility.

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.

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