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## **Birmingham Fire Department Open House Returns with Interactive Demonstrations**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, September 27, 2022 – The Birmingham Fire Department Open House event will return on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Fire Station 1, located at 572 South Adams Road. During this family-friendly interactive event, attendees will operate a fire hose, try on a fire coat, view live demonstrations and learn about fire safety.

"The Fire Department Open House gives members of the community an opportunity to see hands-on safety demonstrations, learn about the importance of fire safety and meet department members in a safe and fun atmosphere," said Fire Marshal Jack Pesha.

Attendees will watch an EMS and vehicle extrication simulation with air bag deployments, along with HAZMAT apparatus and equipment. The community will also enjoy an up-close look at emergency vehicles and see the City's first water pumping fire truck from 1924. The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad and a Birmingham Police vehicle and officer will also be on site to display equipment and answer public safety questions. There will be great photo opportunities throughout the event.

Additional festivities include an inflatable obstacle course, face painting, a fire safety equipment raffle and more. Firehouse chili, hot dogs, treats and popcorn will also be served, courtesy of the Birmingham Fire Department.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the second week in October in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, causing devastating damage. The Birmingham Fire Department reminds the community - if you have a fire, get out and stay out. Call 911!

"Fire prevention reminds us all about the importance of fire safety and how to prepare and prevent fires in the home and workplace. I encourage everyone to take the time to review and practice home escape plans with family members, check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and be diligent about fire safety. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility," said Fire Marshal Pesha. "The Birmingham Fire Department is committed to its role in keeping our community safe and is available to answer questions regarding these topics and more."

For more information regarding the Open House event, contact the Birmingham Fire Department at (248) 530-1906 or visit [www.bhamgov.org/fireopenhouse](http://www.bhamgov.org/fireopenhouse). For fire safety and prevention information, CPR courses and other community education opportunities, visit [www.bhamgov.org/fire](http://www.bhamgov.org/fire).

