

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2018**

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 475,500 home structure fires during 2016. These fires caused 12,775 civilian injuries, 2,950 civilian deaths – this is according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association; and
- WHEREAS,** cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half and automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80%; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme: “LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN; Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.” effectively serves to remind us that smoke alarms save lives. Every residential home should have smoke alarms within every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 10, 2018 at Fire Station One at 50 E. St. Charles Road from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2018, and to support the activities and efforts of Lombard’s fire and emergency services.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President