

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022**

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Lombard; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard’s residents are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially at their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to have a home fire escape plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 12, 2022 at Fire Station 45 at 50 E. St. Charles Road from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this town, and I urge all the people of Lombard to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Lombard’s fire and emergency services.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President