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BCFPD to Observe Home Fire Sprinkler Day with Live Burn Demo *May 19th Event to Advocate for Expanded Use of Life-Saving Systems*

LAKE BARRINGTON, IL—The [Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District](#) (BCFPD) will host a live burn demonstration to illustrate the effectiveness of home fire sprinkler systems, at a public ceremony designed to draw attention to these life-saving devices.

- **WHAT:** National Home Fire Sprinkler Day Observance
- **WHERE:** BCFPD Station 1 (22222 North Pepper Road, Lake Barrington)
- **WHEN:** Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 – 11:30 am

The 90-minute event, part of a nationwide observance organized by the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) and the [Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition](#), will also recognize the 104 Illinois communities, townships, and districts that have adopted NFPA 13D building codes requiring fire sprinkler systems in new residential construction.

Special recognition will be given to the Long Grove Fire Protection District which, in 1988, was the first governmental entity in Illinois to adopt NFPA 13D standards.

The BCFPD adopted its own fire sprinkler ordinance in 1997.

“The vast majority of fire deaths in the U.S. and Canada occur in the home,” BCFPD Fire Chief James Kreher explained. “From our perspective, that is unacceptable – especially when there’s a solution to the problem. Sprinkler systems save lives and limit property damage. National Home Fire Sprinkler Day is a chance to promote their effectiveness and encourage their use in communities across Illinois and throughout the nation,” he added.

The BCFPD observance will also feature brief remarks by leading Illinois fire safety professionals:

- Dan Riordan, President, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association.
- Mike Mavrogeorge, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.
- Russ Sanders, NFPA Regional Director.
- Tom Lia, Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

Fire service leaders will also read a joint resolution to affirm support for home fire sprinkler systems and their effectiveness in preventing fire deaths and reducing property damage/loss.

For more information on the BCFPD’s National Home Fire Sprinkler Day observance, call 224-848-4800.

About the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC)

HFSC was formed in 1996 to inform the public about the life-saving value of sprinkler protection in one- and two-family homes. HFSC is a purely educational, nonprofit organization and the leading resource for independent, noncommercial information about home fire sprinklers. For more information about HFSC and home fire sprinklers, visit www.homefiresprinkler.org.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical, and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

About the BCFPD

Established in 1940, the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District serves portions of Barrington Hills, South Barrington, Lake Barrington and Inverness; and portions of unincorporated Cook, Lake and McHenry Counties. BCFPD services are strengthened through a series of automatic aid agreements and partnerships with 13 surrounding fire departments and fire districts.

The Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the District's Lake Barrington headquarters, 22222 N. Pepper Road. For more information on BCFPD operations, activities and events, call 224-848-4800, visit www.bcfpd.org, or access the Department's [Facebook page](#).

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