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FIRE PREVENTION WEBSITE: <http://www.mtfp1.com/>

Monthly Report: June 8, 2022

Inspections: Attached

The Bureau has revised the inspection schedule to adjust for Inspector Reardon's absence.

Money: Attached

Note: The Bureau is working with a higher than normal number of businesses (approximately 14) that are not paying their Annual Registration Fees, after repeated attempts and subsequent violations. The Bureau is in the process of preparing a final letter and is seeking legal advice on how to proceed.

Investigation: Nothing pending

Website Security Issue: It was brought to the Bureau's attention that a few users were experiencing a "Website Not

Secure” message and having difficulty accessing the website. Amanda contacted the web hosting service and purchased a security certificate for the website for 3 years that should resolve the problem.

The Bureau has prepared a letter to School Officials to determine if the schools can participate this October during Fire Prevention Week with regards to Covid concerns:



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CC: Scott Volkmann, Fire Official District 2
Michael Lubertazzi, Fire Official District 3

RE: 2022 School Fire Prevention
Monroe Twp. Fire District 1

DATE: June 8, 2022

Greetings All:

Please note regarding this communiqué : Attached for your convivence is a copy of this letter in a Word document containing full contact information.

As the school year is ending, I am turning my attention to the start of the next school year with regards to school Fire Prevention for the two schools in District I, Mill Lake and Woodland. I am copying this to the Fire Officials in Districts 2 and 3 to make them aware of our potential plans and possible inclusion.

As you are aware, last year's fire prevention was conducted virtually with individual lesson plans that were conducted for each grade level via our website (<http://www.mtfp1.com/>) with the option for Zoom classroom sessions.

Realizing that there are still unknowns regarding Covid and Fall Covid protocols, I am requesting guidance in developing a Fire Prevention program for this coming October.

Pre-Covid, Fire Prevention was conducted in two areas:

- Fire Prevention assemblies for each grade level.
- Fire Prevention Smoke Trailer designed to teach 3rd Graders how to escape a burning building.

Fall Fire Prevention choices:

- Return to Grade level assemblies adhering to school Covid protocols.
OR
- Continue virtual website / Zoom presentations.

Trailer:

Rationale:

Years ago, two Monroe students successfully escaped a house fire because of their Fire Safety house training by escaping through an upper floor bedroom window.

Although the trailer teaches other Fire Prevention concepts, the primary focus is to have students crawl to the second floor of the trailer while it is filled with harmless artificial "DJ" smoke.

Students are taught to open the window and climb down the ladder. Verbal instructions are given on how to "hang feet first" out of a window, in the event there is no escape ladder. Such was the case in the two students mentioned above.

Recommendation:

Currently, in addition to all 3rd Graders, I believe the 4th graders would be size appropriate and a determination of 5th graders would need to be made.

Traditionally (pre-Covid), each 3rd grade class is split into 2 groups in the trailer.

Currently, I do not believe this is feasible. Not only because of Covid concerns, but also time constraints.

The teachings portion of Fire Prevention that traditionally took place inside the trailer can be completed as noted above outside to groups or in an assembly, and the students can cycle through the trailer on an individual basis at a faster rate.

Please let me know your thoughts on how to proceed, and I would be happy to meet by Zoom (or other virtual meeting app). At that time, we can discuss your thoughts about Covid / Health protocols and any other protocols, such as security concerns that the Fire Department would need to adhere to.

Monroe Township Bureau of Fire Prevention
 Inspection System Database Status Summary for: 05/13/2022 to 06/08/2022
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Registrations:
 Life Hazard: 42
 Local: 115
 Closed: 128
 Total: 285

	Regist. fees	Inspect. fees	Permit fees	Penalty fees
Priors, payment:	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 548.00	0 0.00
Priors, waived:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Billed this per:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Payments:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Waived:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Due:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00

	Ded. Penalty
Priors, payment:	0 0.00
Priors, waived:	0 0.00
Billed this per:	0 0.00
Payments:	0 0.00
Waived:	0 0.00
Due:	0 0.00

Inspections:	Local	LSU	Smoke Detector Insp:	23	1,035.00
Periodic:	6	2	Misc. Permits:	0	0.00
Re-inspect:	1	0	Other Misc. Fees:	0	0.00
Complaint:	0	0	Annual Permits:	0	0.00
Follow-up:	0	0	Misc. Penalties:	0	0.00
Other:	0	0	Correspondence:	43	
Total:	7	2			

Note: Amounts paid and waived include partial payments and fee reductions.

Correspondence form description	Number sent
Inspection Report Worksheet - Blank	23
Notice of Violations, with list and explanation	7
Violations list, no notice, no explanation	4
Certificate of Inspection	9