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In Case of Emergency

Two important national observances occurred this month. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend was the first weekend of October and Fire Prevention Week was held October 4th through October 10th. It is an important time to recognize the efforts of our firefighters and everything they do for our local communities. I want to start by thanking each and every one of our exceptional emergency service personnel for their dedication and service.

What's remarkable is a majority of our firefighters in Wisconsin are serving on a volunteer basis. Many of these individuals are working a full-time job in addition to being a volunteer firefighter and they do not even hesitate to get up in the middle of the night to answer a call from their pager when 911 is dialed.

There are a variety of things we can do as members of our communities to help our emergency services and prepare for situations that may arise. Whether that be moving over or slowing down for our emergency responders, having situational awareness or even just thanking these men and women for what they are doing to protect our friends and neighbors.

In addition to their full-time job and being a volunteer firefighter, these individuals are spending even more of their time hosting educational and other events throughout our communities. I encourage you to attend events that may be hosted by your local department so that you can be prepared and you may even learn a thing or two.

Fire Prevention Week's focus was on safety in the kitchen. Cooking is reportedly the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. When you discuss fire safety with your kids or grandchildren, be sure to remind them about the importance of knowing the address in which they are located. I hear from our emergency responders that knowing the address is critically important to locating a scene when every second counts.

With colder days ahead, please continue to stress the importance of safety around an open flame. Some of us may have a wood burning stove, fireplace, or even candles lit in our homes and it is ever so important for everybody to be safe around a fire. So please continue to encourage fire safety in your household and know the importance of being responsible to hopefully prevent a future incident. By our part in preventing fires, we are in turn helping our first responders who we rely on to help us.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.



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