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Effingham Fire Department Honored with IL OSHA SHARP Award

Effingham, IL, 8/29/2023 - The Effingham Fire Department is proud to announce that it has been recognized with the prestigious Illinois OSHA Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award. The honor will be presented during the upcoming city council meeting on Tuesday, September 5th.

Illinois OSHA's SHARP Award distinguishes employers who have used Illinois OSHA's on-site consultation program to work with their employees to develop and implement model safety and health programs. Only those businesses that have achieved injury and illness rates below the national average for their respective industries are eligible for this esteemed recognition.

"This award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Effingham Fire Department personnel in upholding the highest standards of safety and health," said Brant Yochum, Chief of the Effingham Fire Department. "Our team's unwavering focus on safety not only ensures the well-being of our firefighters but also enhances our ability to protect and serve the Effingham community effectively."

The presentation ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. in the council chambers at Effingham City Hall. Members of the community, media, and supporters are invited to attend and join the celebration.

"We are incredibly proud of the Effingham Fire Department for achieving this level of recognition," commented Mike Schutzbach, Mayor of Effingham. "Safety and health excellence is paramount for our first responders, and this award is evidence of their hard work and dedication to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment."

For additional information about the Illinois OSHA SHARP Award or to learn more about the Effingham Fire Department's safety initiatives, please contact Chief Brant Yochum at (217) 342-2555 or byochum@ewinghamil.com.

About the Illinois OSHA Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP): The SHARP program recognizes small business employers who operate exemplary safety and health programs. SHARP acknowledges businesses that have used Illinois OSHA's on-site consultation program services and have maintained injury and illness rates below the national average for their respective industries.

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