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GLENVIEW, NORTHFIELD TO SHARE FIRE LADDER TRUCK

July 18, 2012 – The Villages of Glenview and Northfield will be sharing the response capabilities of an aerial ladder truck, a move expected to save money and resources for each community.

Village Boards of both municipalities approved an intergovernmental agreement at their respective meetings Tuesday, July 17.

“The Northfield and Glenview fire departments have had an excellent long-standing working relationship, through which we developed this partnership,” Northfield Village President Fred Gougler said. “This enables us both to continue our traditional high level of service with improved operational efficiencies and significant cost reductions.”

Currently, both Villages’ fire departments provide emergency and non-emergency assistance to the other when the need arises.

Under the new arrangement, expected to begin in September, the Glenview Fire Department is to provide primary aerial ladder response for both communities from Fire Station 14, 2250 Patriot Boulevard. The station and aerial ladder truck – which is certified to respond in the same capacity as an ambulance – would continue to serve all of its current responsibilities in Glenview and add responses to incidents within the corporate limits of the Village of Northfield.

Northfield would respond to automatic fire alarms in Glenview from its station on Winnetka Road, and respond to working structure fires throughout Glenview and its surrounding unincorporated areas.

Under other provisions in the intergovernmental agreement:

- Northfield will contribute 10 percent toward the purchase price of a new ladder truck that next year is to replace the current 10-year-old truck at Fire Station 14; and
- Northfield’s Emergency Vehicle Technicians will provide maintenance services for the truck, with maintenance costs shared based on call volume percentage.

By sharing response capabilities, both communities more effectively use resources and cost sharing saves taxpayer dollars. Additionally, the arrangement provides an additional reserve truck to each community.

“We have a great working relationship with Northfield,” Glenview Fire Chief Wayne Globerger said. “This is a great example of how we can combine resources and save community budget dollars, while enhancing our working relationship.”

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