

“Keep the Wreath Red” Program

This holiday season we celebrate the 31st year anniversary of Illinois Fire Chiefs Association’s (IFCA) adopted “Keep the Wreath Red” Program.

The “Keep the Wreath Red” program was established in 1954 by Naperville, Illinois Paid-On-Call Firefighter Paul Boecker.

In 1979 “Keep the Wreath Red” became a country-wide program for the Dupage County Fire Chiefs Association before being adopted by the IFCA in 1980, by then president, Chief Paul Boecker.

Annually the “Keep the Wreath Red” Program is endorsed by the IFCA Board of Directors to alert residents of fires caused by holiday decorations. Each year a few more departments participate in this program.

The “Keep the Wreath Red” Program is a visual reminder to citizens to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season to make this a safe and happy holiday season.

In 1996, the North Shore Fire Department joined fire departments around the country in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program.

As the holiday season begins, each fire station in the North Shore places in public view a holiday wreath decorated with red bulbs. The wreaths are illuminated constantly. If a fire is directly caused by holiday decorations, one red bulb will be changed to a white bulb.

Please use our wreaths as a reminder to have a Fire Safe Holiday.

Help us to "Keep the Wreaths Red!"

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