



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING LINCOLNWOOD FIRE CHIEF MIKE HANSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Chief Mike Hansen will retire from the Lincolnwood Fire Department on August 16, 2022 after 32 years of dedicated service as Lincolnwood Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen has served the Lincolnwood Fire Department since 1990, having been the longest serving Fire Chief in the community's history thus far, and his contributions can be seen throughout the Lincolnwood community and the broader field of fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen authored Lincolnwood's first Emergency Operations and Mitigation Plan and started the Village's Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Chief Hansen became a founding member of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) and was responsible for the development and instruction of the Academy's initial fire officer training program. To this day, NIPSTA acts as an intergovernmental agency that offers a regional, state-of-the-art safety training facility for municipalities and fire protection districts throughout Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen served on the State of Illinois' EMS Advisory Council for over 20 years as both a member and the chairman. His input on the Council led directly to a number of improvements throughout the profession, including the adoption and creation of the State's first-ever Do-Not-Resuscitate form; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen spearheaded several innovative initiatives throughout Lincolnwood, with the most notable being the establishment of a Fire Sub-Station in Lincolnwood's assisted living facility, The Carrington. As a result of this collaboration, which is among the first of its kind in the nation, paramedic staff is on-site daily from 6:30 pm to 6:30 am and can respond to calls at The Carrington in under one minute; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen wrote and was awarded multiple Assistance to Firefighter Grants for Lincolnwood totaling to about one million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen participated with the Illinois House Task Force on EMS Funding with Representatives Don Moffitt and Lisa Dugan. This group determined that EMS in Illinois is an essential service and needed to be funded 40 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen worked with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force purchasing and deploying Triage Tags for every ambulance within the State; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen wrote 27 years of EMS articles for Illinois Fire Chiefs quarterly magazine, The Gong; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Chief Mike Hansen congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a Fire Chief through which he has made invaluable contributions to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Chief Mike Hansen.