



DEPARTMENT MEMO

M-102-20

November 13, 2020

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF NON-ESSENTIAL FIREHOUSE GATHERINGS

The Chicago Stay-At-Home Advisory, which outlines additional COVID-19 alerts and regulations such as further limitations on indoor and outdoor meetings and social events, increased enforcement of limits on private gatherings has been ordered due to rapidly growing community spread of COVID-19. In response to this advisory, evidence of significant infection spread between members, and for the safety of members, their families, and the public, I am postponing all approved firehouse social gatherings including "Last Day" celebrations **effective, Monday November 16th 2020.**

As a critical public safety pillar of the City of Chicago, we have a responsibility to make the right choices, even when they are difficult. The dedication shown throughout the careers of our retiring members must be acknowledged and appreciated and any "Last Day" or other approved firehouse events that are postponed will be allowed and encouraged at a future time when it is safe for all.

APPROVED:

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Richard C. Ford II
Fire Commissioner

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