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DSPS Presents Tomah Fire Department with Proclamation from Governor

Tomah accepts Fire Prevention Week proclamation on behalf of all fire services in Wisconsin

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professionals Services (DSPS) Secretary-designee Dan Hereth got a tour of the new emergency services building in Tomah yesterday, before presenting Tomah Fire Department leadership with a proclamation from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

The plaque officially proclaimed it Fire Prevention Week in Wisconsin.

“Fire prevention and safety are just a couple areas that fall under DSPS, but our work with fire departments across the state plays a vital role in one of our agency’s primary missions, public safety,” said Hereth. “I’m honored to be able to present this proclamation on behalf of Gov. Evers.”

Tomah Deputy Fire Chief Jeremy Likely accepted the proclamation on behalf of fire departments in Wisconsin.

“We’re thankful for the recognition of our department and fire departments across the state,” Likely said. “We’re proud of the work we do, we’re proud of our new facility and we were happy to show it off today.”

Tomah opened the city’s new emergency services building this summer after more than a decade of planning. The facility, on N Glenwood Avenue in Tomah, provides ample space for emergency vehicles and equipment, and includes training, wellness, and living/sleeping spaces for staff. There is also a beautiful museum space that helps tell the history of emergency services in the area.

Tomah Fire Department leaders believe it will be an important recruitment tool for years to come, and Hereth agrees.

“Not only is the building shiny and new, but when you walk through it you can see and understand the thought that went into each aspect of the facility,” he explained.

The DSPS Division of Industry Services (DIS) provides services related to fire prevention, protection, fire department safety and health, and the administration of the 2% fire dues program. As part of its fire services, DSPS [this week launched a new data dashboard](#) aimed at helping fire departments in Wisconsin better identify risks and vulnerable groups in their communities. The [Fire Safety Dashboards-Risk Reduction Tool](#) launched on the DSPS website Sunday, the first day of Fire Prevention Week.

About DSPS:

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.

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