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NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

SUFFOLK, VA (May 3, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue would like to inform citizens that “National Arson Awareness Week” will be recognized from May 6th through May 12th.

A special presentation was made during Wednesday evening’s City Council meeting. Lieutenant Charles Chapin, Suffolk Fire Marshal, advised that this year’s theme is “Reducing Arson at Vacant and Abandoned Buildings”.

According to U.S. Fire Administration statistics, about 23,800 vacant residential building fires are reported each year and cause an estimated 75 deaths, 200 injuries and \$785 million in property loss. Intentional actions are the leading cause of residential and nonresidential vacant building fires, and they cause a disproportionate share of firefighter injuries.

For more information on fire safety, please contact the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Department at 757-514-4550, or email fireprevbureau@suffolkva.us.

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