

# DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT BEYOND FIREFIGHTING



## A WARM WELCOME TO THE SHEFFIELD ADMINISTRATION

DFD is happy to extend a warm welcome to Mayor Mary Sheffield and newly appointed COO Winnie Liao. We recognize the critical importance of strong administrative alignment, and have hit the ground running under their leadership. DFD looks forward to reaching new milestones in public service and operational excellence alongside the Mayor and her executive team.



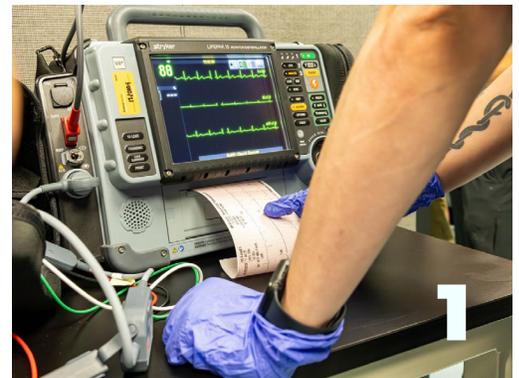
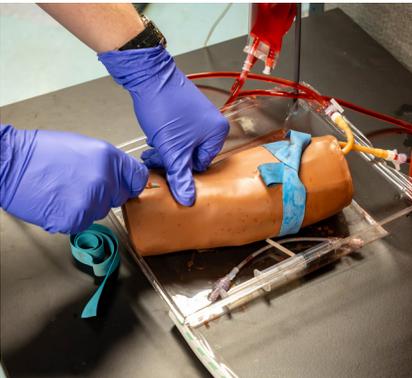
## DETROIT COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is a prevention-first approach, focused on emergency preparedness, community engagement, and education. CRR is a strategic, data-driven effort designed to help Detroit residents live safer, healthier lives by staying prepared and resilient. The goal of the Detroit Fire Department's CRR program is to reduce fire-related injuries and fatalities in high-risk areas by educating residents and businesses about hazards in the home and throughout the community.



## SECOND PARAMEDIC CLASS

DFD has made significant advancements to public safety citywide by investing in our members while improving the level of care we provide the residents of Detroit. In 2025, DFD launched its first-ever department-run paramedic training class in partnership with Wayne County Community College. DFD is continuing that progress with our second in-house paramedic class which started mid-February. More paramedics on our team means more advanced life support when you need it most.



## FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

The Detroit Fire Department's Public Instruction Section, which is a part of the Fire Marshal Division, gives fire safety presentations annually to all senior homes across the city. Knowing how to prevent fires and to evacuate in case of an emergency is important for everyone but especially our most vulnerable populations including our seniors.



We visited Ellis Manor, on Detroit's west Side, on February 12th for a fire safety presentation. For the last four years we've handed out flowers to residents when we visit their facility around Valentine's Day. This annual event brings smiles to the faces of the residents and our team members.

## DETROIT IS A HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY

February is American Heart Month. Did you know that Detroit is the largest HEARTSafe municipality in the country?! The HEARTSafe Community initiative is a national preparedness program created by the Citizen CPR Foundation and is dedicated to improving outcomes of sudden cardiac arrest. Earning a HEARTSafe recognition means the municipality has heavily invested in community CPR training to make sure medical first responders and residents were able to help others survive heart attacks.

You too can save a life! Learn how by clicking [here](#) to sign up for a hands-only CPR and AED training class or visit <https://detroitmi.gov/fire> to learn more.



## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

- DFD offers an ADA Coordinator to improve accessibility to fire safety and education materials for individuals with disabilities.
  - ▶ You can contact DFD's ADA Coordinator at [nyjai.black1@detroitmi.gov](mailto:nyjai.black1@detroitmi.gov).
- DFD offers free hands-only and traditional CPR and AED training.
- The Detroit Fire Department has a mobile fire safety house and uses this for community events to help educate residents, especially our children, on fire prevention and best practices for escaping a home should a fire break out. Residents can request the Mobile Fire Safety House and training at the link on our website. The charge is \$250 an hour with a 2-hour minimum.

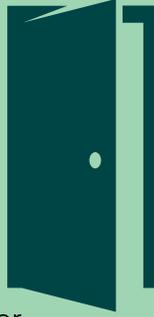


# Spring Cleaning Fire Prevention and Safety



## Declutter with Safety in Mind

- Keep exits, hallways, stairways, and doorways clear to ensure everyone can escape quickly in an emergency.
- Avoid storing items near furnaces, water heaters, or electrical panels. Maintain at least three feet of clearance around heat-producing equipment.
- Remove stacks of paper, cardboard boxes, and other combustibles from basements and utility rooms.



## Deep Clean Clothes Dryers

- Clean lint traps before and after every load.
- Check and clean dryer vents and exhaust ducts to prevent lint buildup, which is a leading cause of dryer fires.
- Ensure the outdoor vent flap opens properly and is free of debris.

## Dispose of Oily and Paint-Soaked Rags Safely

- Rags used with oil-based paints, stains, or solvents can ignite spontaneously.
- Allow rags to dry completely outdoors before disposal or store them in a sealed metal container filled with water until they can be discarded properly.

## Handle Flammable Liquids with Care

- Store gasoline, propane, paint thinners, and cleaning solvents in fire resistant containers and away from heat sources, pilot lights, and direct sunlight.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids indoors or to start fires.
- Keep these materials out of reach of children and dispose of them at designated hazardous waste facilities.



## Check Electrical Safety While Cleaning

- Replace frayed or damaged cords and avoid running cords under rugs or furniture.
- Do not overload outlets or power strips when reorganizing rooms or setting up new appliances.
- Use extension cords only as temporary solutions.



## Prepare Outdoor Spaces and Equipment

- Clean grills and remove grease buildup before the first cookout of the season.
- Keep grills at least 10 feet from homes, decks, and overhangs.
- Clear dry leaves, branches, and debris from around the home to reduce fire spread risk.

## Test and Maintain Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Test alarms monthly and replace batteries if needed.
- Ensure alarms are installed on every level of the home and inside sleeping areas.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.

## Safely Store Seasonal Items

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of reach of children.
- Store space heaters and fuel safely if putting them away for the season.
- Ensure holiday or decorative lighting being stored is unplugged, undamaged, and properly packed.



# Spring Health Tips

With **Dr. Dunne, MD**  
Medical Director  
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## Allergies

- Use a local pollen tracker. On “High” or “Extreme” days, keep your windows closed and use your AC’s recirculate/filter setting. Consider a stand-alone air cleaner.
- Pollen counts are usually highest in the morning and on windy days. If you’re planning a run, late afternoon or after a rain shower (which “washes” the air) is your best bet.

## Statistics on the Cold and Flu Season

- If you’re itchy and sneezing but have no fever, it’s likely allergies. If you’re exhausted and achy, it’s likely viral. If you have a fever, stay home and rest.
- If you haven’t yet, get a flu shot and covid-19 shot.
- 2026 has been an especially bad flu year so far, with over 23,000,000 people getting sick this year, the number keeps going up. Practice good hygiene and get vaccinated to make sure you limit your risk of illness.

## Best Practices to Stay Healthy

- Hydrate! Aim for 8–10 glasses of water a day.
- Wash your hands often.
- Sneeze into a tissue or your elbow to avoid getting others sick.

## Outdoor Activity Safety

- Ease Into Movement: As people resume outdoor activity, it’s important to take it slow at first.
- Be ready for any type of weather. Michigan’s temperatures and climate can fluctuate during this time.

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Billing/Permits**  
(313) 596-2963

**Comments**  
(313) 596-2954,  
9-1-1 (After Hours)

**Plans And Exams**  
(313) 596-2788

**Knox Box Info**  
(313) 596-2968

**Freedom Of Information Act  
(F.O.I.A.) Requests**  
(313) 596-2948

**Fire Reports/Inspections**  
(313) 596-2964

**EMS Billing Questions**  
(888) 987-3605

**EMS Medical Records**  
(313) 596-5180

**Regional Training Center**  
(313) 237-2775

**Community Relations Division**  
(313) 596-2959

**\*Online payments:**  
You will need your invoice  
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**Business organizations &  
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want to meet your district  
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