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"Dedicated to the Forest and those who call it home"

Annual Business Inspections and Prefire Plan Updates

Dear Business Owner or Manager,

Black Forest Fire Rescue is reaching out to local businesses to help owners prepare for annual fire safety inspections and update our prefire plans. We recognize that our outreach to business owners has been limited in the past, and we want you to know what to expect and who to contact for help.

Our goal is to help owners and operators maintain safe businesses for employees and customers. This program is educational and nonpunitive in its approach, with the focus on working together to improve fire and life safety. These inspections are intended to help you identify and address safety concerns, rather than close your business. Our crews will explain what they are checking, answer questions, and provide clear guidance on items that need attention.

We will also update your prefire plan, a reference firefighters use to prepare for an emergency at your property. This includes the building layout, entrances, utility shutoffs, fire protection systems, water supply, and special hazards. Accurate information helps our crews respond more effectively and safely.

The enclosed self-inspection checklist and fire safety photo guide explain common requirements under the 2021 International Fire Code in plain language. Please walk through your business and address items you can safely correct. Note any questions for our crews. Our initial outreach visits give you an opportunity to prepare and ask questions before your scheduled inspection.

Fire safety needs change as businesses adopt new equipment and technology. We can help answer questions about lithium-ion battery storage and charging, electric vehicles, charging stations, and energy storage systems. When we contact you, please identify an owner, manager, or someone familiar with the building who can meet with our crew and provide access to the areas we need to review.

Thank you for working with us to keep Black Forest safe. If you have questions before we reach out, please contact the Division of Fire Marshal at 719-495-4300 or Fielding.Lucas@bffire.org.

Sincerely,

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