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### Chanhassen Fire Department Promotes Fire Safety through Online Virtual Programming

**September 16, 2021** | The Chanhassen Fire Department and City of Chanhassen announced that the 2021 Fire Department Open House has been canceled due to a surge COVID-19 cases in Carver County.

While this event will not be available in-person, the Fire Department will still be bringing its fire safety message to Chanhassen residents with a virtual, interactive learning video accessible on the city website.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our community, with particular consideration for the health and safety of our first responders,” said Laurie Hokkanen, City Manager of Chanhassen. “As the COVID-19 Delta variant starts to unfold, we feel that the safest choice is to cancel our open house. Fire safety and awareness remains a priority and we are pleased to be able to adapt and offer other education opportunities.”

The Fire Department Open House brings together many supporting community members, residents, and families enjoying fire truck rides, hands-on training, and live fire demonstrations. During the virtual programming in October, viewers will be able to see all their open house favorites, including a fire simulation, fire safety tips, and more.

“We recognize how disappointing this is,” said Don Johnson, Fire Chief. “I know we’d rather be in-person during our open house. This year, we were especially looking forward to hosting our open house, however, the well-being of our community, staff and residents is number one concern that drove our decision-making.”

Check out the City of Chanhassen website during the second week of October to learn more about fire safety from the Chanhassen Fire Department.

As COVID-19 cases increase throughout Carver County, the City of Chanhassen continues to monitor the situation and make well-informed decisions for staff and the residents we serve. We continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health.

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