



Benton Fire Department

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"An Ounce of Prevention, is Worth a Ton of Water"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

3/16/20

BENTON, IL- Based on recommendations recently distributed by state and local agencies, The City of Benton Fire Department will be suspending all non-emergency activities effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. These activities include:

- *Fire Station Tours
- *Child Safety Seat Events
- *Annual Fire Inspections
- *Public Education Activities

Our members will also be forgoing any non-essential business, meetings and visits and will make every effort to complete required tasks by telephone and video conferencing.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause any of our citizens and our guests.

Our response to emergencies will not be impacted in any way. We will remain prepared and ready to respond in your time of need.

It is prudent to limit the exposure of all our members to the general public as much as we reasonably can so to remain healthy and ready to serve you.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Fire Chief's office at 618-439-2511

Yours in Service,

Shane Cockrum
Fire Chief
City of Benton