



MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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C.W. Durham III, Chief

Dear business community,

The Marietta Fire Department is conducting pre-fire planning inspections to help us better serve our community. These inspections consist of a walkthrough of the building to locate key areas, important to fire suppression efforts. An example of some of the things our department is looking for is utility shut offs, building construction, and key holder information. Our mission is to be as prepared as we can, in the event that an emergency would occur at your building, to quickly and safely rescue people, and preserve property. Early access to a building by knowing up to date key holder information will allow us to locate the fire more quickly, minimizing damage. It benefits both the fire department by locating utility shut offs. If a fire would occur, the earlier that gas and electric are shut off, the safer the environment is for firefighting, and if a water break should occur in your building, the faster we can shut off the water, the less water damage that occurs, and the cleanup costs associated with that. Pre-fire knowledge of building construction allows safer fire ground operations, as well as allowing us to better protect your building and surrounding buildings, by learning where possible areas of fire spread could occur.

The Marietta Fire Department is taking this mission on for two primary reasons. The first is the preservation of life and property of our community. By partnering with our business community, to allow us to tour your facilities, it provides us with the proper tools needed to manage an emergency event in your building. We feel that prevention and preparedness are two of the greatest tools we have to help protect our community from the risks associated with fires. The second reason is that insurance rates are based partially on an ISO rating of the properties' fire department. As a fire department, we also want to ensure that our community is receiving the best rates possible, so we are striving to make improvements to our rating. We are very passionate about protecting our community, and as any good organization, are constantly looking for areas to improve our services to the community. Pre-fire planning inspections is one of those areas, and although we hope the information is never needed, we hope that you can rest easier knowing that we are making every effort possible to protect your employees, your business, and your property.

Thank you very much for your time and participation. If you choose not to participate, I hope that you will contact me to help alleviate any concerns that you may have, or possibly to provide us with some basic information over the phone, such as contact information.

Sincerely

C.W. Durham III

Fire Chief