



Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation

Arson Awareness Week

By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion

Whereas, the theme for 2015 Arson Awareness Week is “Accelerant Detection Canines – Sniffing Out Arson”; and

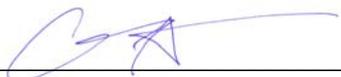
Whereas, According to the U.S. Fire Administration, from 2010-2012, an estimated 17,400 intentionally set fires in residential buildings were reported to U.S. fire departments each year, resulting in 275 civilian deaths, 800 civilian injuries, and \$513 million in property loss. For this same time period, an estimated 9,000 intentionally set fires occurred in nonresidential buildings each year resulting in \$282 million in property loss; and

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that over the last five years (2009-2013) there has been an average of 53,127 arsons reported with an average dollar loss of \$15,086 per incident; and

Whereas, We will use the week of May 3-9, 2015 to focus on the value and contribution accelerant detection canines make to fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and their communities; and

Whereas, an accelerant detection canine saves time and money; there are fewer but more accurate evidence samples, which reduces expenditures at the lab, speeding up investigations and providing a higher conviction rate; and

Now, Therefore, I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 3-9, 2015 as "Arson Awareness Week"** and urge and encourage all citizens to help support the efforts of the local police and fire departments in preventing arson.



Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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