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# **CITY OF KENNER**

## **News Release**

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### **MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF TERENCE MORRIS**

To the citizens of Kenner:

A few weeks ago, a concerned citizen asked me at a council meeting about water leaks at Station 39 on Vintage Drive. Members of the Fire Department also expressed concerns about mold in a few stations. I requested testing for mold at all fire stations. The administration then authorized that testing and we received the results today from the company that performed the tests.

Those results indicate that while all the stations have mold, Station 39 tested positive for aerosolized mold above normal levels. This could cause respiratory symptoms, and while we are fortunate that no one has reported any symptoms, I contacted Mayor Zahn to inform him I was immediately moving the crew to Station 37 on 40<sup>th</sup> Street, out of an abundance of caution.

The administration has authorized us to follow emergency procedures to obtain temporary housing and we are also beginning immediate remediation and repair of the station. It will take a short time to locate, transport and connect temporary living quarters for our members. We are working diligently to make this happen as quickly as possible. We will continue to provide exemplary service to our community.

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