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KENNER CHANGES PROCESS FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS INSPECTIONS

Kenner, LA. – In an effort to better serve the business community, the Kenner Fire Department has adjusted how it conducts annual business inspections.

With the new process, the fire department will complete annual "pre-fire planning" activities monthly rather than biannually, estimated to increase community contact by 307% over last year. Results are already showing that improved information is now available to firefighters responding to incidents around the city, which saves valuable time and uses resources wisely.

Acting Fire Chief Joseph Sunseri noted how these improvements benefit firefighters and the city of Kenner. "By increasing preparedness of first responders along with other recent improvements, we are geared toward reducing community risk factors. These types of activities provide better professional services and improve the fire insurance rating for Kenner."

The next phase of this enhanced process uses improved information technology between Code Enforcement and the Fire Department, so that the information provided to Code and Fire by businesses each year can be cross-shared when possible. That makes the process more efficient for city employees as well as faster for business owners and workers when the fire department visits each business.

Mayor Ben Zahn said the new process really helps Kenner businesses. "Our city employees are dedicated to making things better in our neighborhoods and for businesses that are located in Kenner. We recently shared that permit applications are typically turned around within 24 hours. As we integrate operations, not only are we sharing information but we are finding easier ways for our community to interact with city departments."

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