

# FIRE SAFE COMMUNITY

## ELWOOD

*"Proud of Our Past. Building Our Future..."*



*Elwood Fire Protection District Board*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ELWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD!

The Elwood Fire Protection District Board, working with the Village of Elwood and Chief William Offerman, is to be congratulated for increasing the fire safety and protection for its citizens by upgrading the village's fire code. Working together, they passed a "zero square foot threshold" for fire sprinklers to the 2006 IBC and 2006 IRC with amendments that include townhomes and condominiums. The amendments also include a clause requiring an upgrade in fire sprinklers, fire detection and supervision in all additions, alterations or repairs in which structures either exceed a 50% increase in their interior or change occupancy use by increasing the floor area or number of stories.

As a result, Elwood will become a truly fire safe community protecting those people who live, work and visit. It also helps safeguard the firefighters who respond to emergency incidents.

### **Elwood Fire Protection District Board of Trustees:**

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Congratulations for following FEMA's "America Burning" guidelines highlighting the safeguard of citizens and FEMA's "Firefighter Life Safety Summit" recommendations for the protection of firefighters.

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