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### **Birmingham Fire Department Schools Birmingham's Youngest Audience**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, October 22, 2020 – The Birmingham Fire Department was honored to host a fire safety and prevention virtual workshop for Birmingham's youngest audience – Ms. Tarnow's kindergarten class at Pierce Elementary School. The 30-minute zoom call focused on fire safety and planning, with a demonstration showing how firefighters get into their gear and an explanation of the equipment.

“The children were very interactive and had a lot of questions,” said Firefighter/Paramedic EMS Coordinator Robert Abraham. “Fire safety is close to my heart as I have school-aged children at home. The virtual meeting went great and I would be honored to do it again.” Abraham and Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Bonora spent most of the time discussing the importance of fire safety, how to call 911 and what to do if a fire should ever occur in the home.

Kindergarten teacher, Robyn Tarnow added, “The firefighters patiently answered many kindergarteners' questions. I always like to have them visit us and even though we couldn't do it in person this year, I'd recommend a virtual visit. The Birmingham Fire Department is always helpful and eager to work with us!”



The Birmingham Fire Department is dedicated to community education and offers a variety of resources for all ages in fire safety and prevention, emergency preparedness and risk reduction. Families are encouraged to visit the fire department website at [www.bhamgov.org/fire](http://www.bhamgov.org/fire) for a series of short, educational videos and to download the [Family Preparedness Workbook](#), a comprehensive guide that can assist families in emergency planning and preparedness.

Birmingham teachers who would like to schedule a virtual fire safety and prevention workshop may contact the Birmingham Fire Department at (248) 530-1906.

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