



A History Museum

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### **Community is invited to an open house to learn more about the Public Safety Preservation Project**

**Naperville, Ill.** — Community members can learn how they can donate or loan materials to preserve the Naperville Fire Department's history at an informational meeting about the Naperville Heritage Society's Public Safety Preservation Project to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Naper Settlement's Pre-Emption House Tavern, 523 S. Webster St. (corner of Webster Street and Aurora Avenue) in Naperville.

"We want to capture these stories of our department's history before they are lost forever," said Chuck Wehrli, retired Naperville Fire Department captain, who is a member of the committee composed of retired and active firefighters, plus Naper Settlement Preservation Services staff.

Collection items sought include photographs, artifacts, clothing, badges and awards, paperwork, memorabilia and more. Also wanted are active and retired firefighters and friends and relatives of firefighters for oral histories to record their firefighting experiences and/or fire-related stories. Oral history is the collection of living people's testimony about their own experiences through audio or video recording.

For more information about the Public Safety Preservation Project at Naper Settlement, contact Registrar Sarah Buhlig at (630) 548-1115.

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*History comes to life at Naper Settlement, an outdoor museum village, located in downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open year round, for more information about hours and admission prices, visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) or call (630) 420-6010.*

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