

"*FREDDIE*" the Fire Truck

Loves Park City Council Meeting

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Introduction:

Mayor Sinkiawic, Members of the City Council, Special Guest and Ladies and Gentlemen in the audience. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you this evening.

Message:

Tonight I am going to be introducing a very special friend, of mine and that of all the other members of the Loves Park Volunteer Fire Department. But before I do that, I would like take a few minutes to discuss fire safety.

Unfortunately, fire safety is something that we as adults don't often discuss or even think about except during Fire Prevention Week, or after a highly publicized catastrophe involving a major loss of property or the most horrible thing of all, involving the loss of a life.

Fire safety is something that needs to be discussed openly all three hundred and sixty five days of the year. It not only needs to be discussed, it needs to be practiced. Practiced by everyone. Practiced by adults, not only to set good examples for our youth, but also practiced to protect our youth from harm. And practiced by our youth so they don't become just another one of those tragic statistics.

For fire knows no boundaries and has no feelings. Fire can provide the warmth needed to heat our homes so we can be comfortable when the outside temperature turns cold. It can also provide the heat to cook our food so we can enjoy a warm meal. But fire is dangerous. And when left unattended, misused, or out of control, it becomes cruel and heartless.

Through proper awareness and continued education about fire safety, we can reduce the potential of fire disasters happening here in Loves Park.

Because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of several owners and managers of businesses in Loves Park and the dedication of our men and women who volunteer twenty four hour a day providing fire protection, we are now even more able to ensure the continuation of that awareness and education about fire safety.

That's why it gives us great pleasure to take part in being able to present to you for his first public appearance, the newest addition to the Loves Park Volunteer Fire Department. He comes to us all the way from Spanish Fork, Utah. Won't you please give a warm Loves Park welcome to "Freddie" the almost human robotics controlled Fire Truck.