

City of Fremont Update

Date: November 6, 2020

To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

Trees Removed for Keene Memorial Library Addition

As shown in the picture on the right, City crews are shown removing the two large Pin Oak trees near the Library. The two trees, as well as the two remaining houses on the block, are being removed to make room for an addition to the Library.

The Friends of the Library Trust owned the two remaining houses on the block, but gifted the houses to the City earlier this year. After removing the asbestos from the homes, the City Council awarded a demolition contract in September to S2 Rolloffs for \$15,950 to remove the homes. Now with the trees removed, S2 will begin the demolition of the homes.

After the homes are removed, the basements will be filled and the two lots will be turned into a temporary parking lot until a Library Addition is started. While the additional parking will be something Library patrons will certainly enjoy, the goal is to use this space or at least most of this space for a new addition to the Library.

Fremont voters approved issuing bonds of \$2 million for the project in May 2018. Since then, the Friends of the Library have been hard at work raising funds to get the addition funded.



Anonymous Donor Gifts Funds to Police for Shields

Thanks to an anonymous donor, \$8,000 was gifted to the City to be used by the Police Department to purchase twenty ballistic shields. The pieces and parts were shipped to the Police Station, as shown in the picture on the left, and had to be assembled.

The Police Department has never had ballistic shields before, so the shields are something they have wanted for quite some time. Not that we expect to use them in Fremont; however, they would have been helpful for the officers that were sent to Omaha earlier this year to help with riots there.

The shields are used as defensive protection devices when there is unrest or violent protests that threaten the safety of the public and police.

Preventable Injury Related Deaths

Since its founding in 1903, the National Safety Council (NSC) has collected, analyzed, and reported preventable injury related deaths. This information serves as a measure as well as a means of preventing deaths and injuries.

The NSC reports that there has been a slight decrease in preventable injury-related deaths. In 2017, there were 169,936 deaths from injury. That number dropped to 167,127 in 2018, or a 1.7% decrease. However, since 1922, when 86,777 deaths were reported, deaths have increased by 93% (86,777 to 167,127 deaths).

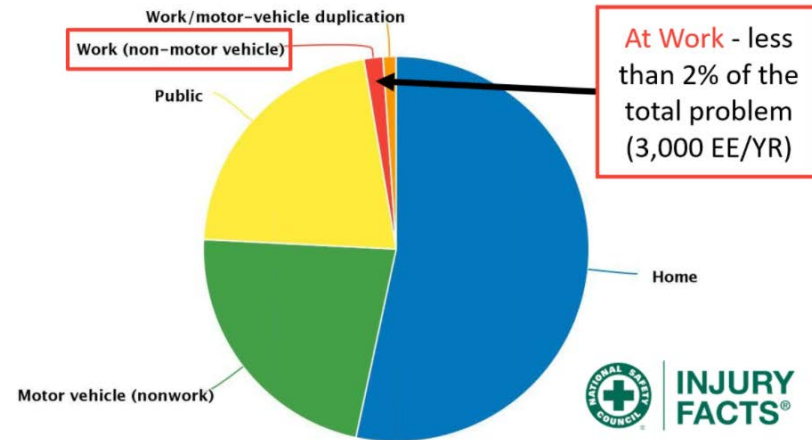
In the chart above, the largest percentage of preventable injury-related deaths in 2018 occurred at home. These deaths represented a rate of 27.3 deaths per 100,000 people. Next, deaths from motor vehicles and deaths from public service, resulted in 12 and 11 deaths per 100,000, respectively. Please note that the 2018 preventable injury-related deaths attributable to workplace injuries only represented 1.4 deaths per 100,000 people.

According to the NSC, implying that preventable deaths and injuries are accidents, acts of God, or fate is simply NOT true. They believe that if we work together we can eliminate all preventable deaths!

Motorist Hits Fremont Public Schools Sign

The picture on the right shows the damage done to the Fremont Public Schools' sign on the corner of E. 16th Street and N. Lincoln Avenue. Before hitting the sign, the northbound motorist barely missed hitting a 55-foot electric pole and City fire hydrant. Had either the pole or fire hydrant been hit, the car and possibly the motorist could have suffered extensive damage and injuries.

Overall Preventable Injury Related Deaths



© 2020 National Safety Council - All Rights Reserved.



News in Numbers

300 – The number of U.S. election lawsuits that have already been filed across the nation, while experts predict that more will arise.

There is no job so important and no service so urgent that we cannot take the time to do the work safely!