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**Romeoville Fire Department is the Feature of New Ornament**

The 2023 Romeoville Village Ornament has been revealed: a replica of the fire department’s first fire engine, a 1960 Seagrave. Details abound on this 3-D piece, showcasing hoses in the back, pump piping and a ladder on the sides, and a silver bell on the front. Engine 1 served Romeoville from 1960-1986. Finished in rhodium silver, this brass ornament measures 3” long, 0.75” wide, and 1.25” high with a 1.25” long name oval suspended between the truck and cord. It comes in a red box with black lining and the Romeoville logo is stamped on the lid in



silver. For the second year in a row, the ornaments were made in America by the same company who has handled the official White House ornaments since they began in 1981.

“This year’s ornament allows people to bring a piece of Romeoville history into their home,” said Mayor John Noak. “When you really look at the details, you can tell this is a vintage fire truck, which adds to the appeal of the ornament. We hope people are as excited about this one as we are.”

Since this year’s ornament celebrates the fire department, the first time you can buy it will be at the upcoming Fire Prevention Open House event on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Fire Station 3 (698 N. Birch Lane). It will feature food, demonstrations, an obstacle course, touch-a-truck, and an appearance by Sparky! Following that, ornaments will be sold at the front desks of Village Hall (1050 W. Romeo Road) and the Recreation Center (900 W. Romeo Road) starting Monday, October 16. Ornaments will also be able to be purchased at Halloween Fest (October 20) and at the Holiday Lights Festival (December 1 & 2). They are \$15 each and can only be purchased in person. There is no internet option and ornaments will not be shipped. Once ornaments are sold out, they will not be re-ordered.

This fire truck is the second ornament in the ongoing series. If you missed the first ornament, a replica of Village Hall, a limited number are still available at the front desk of Village Hall. They are \$15 each.