



## CITY OF SOUTH BEND

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### **SOUTH BEND FIRE AWARDED GRANT TO RECEIVE SPECIALIZED ELDER CARE TRAINING**

South Bend Fire Department and the Northern Indiana American Red Cross have partnered to form one of 30 regional teams selected nationally to receive specialized fire and fall prevention training sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association.

The training, which takes place November 4-6 in Orlando, Florida, is for teams in which at least one firefighter partners with individuals from a local agency that serves older adults. Captain Gerard Ellis of South Bend Fire has partnered with Tiffany Chin and Kurt White from Northern Indiana American Red Cross to form a South Bend-area team.

Following the training, Ellis, Chin, and White will conduct group presentations to prepare additional facilitators in South Bend and Indianapolis to help older adults live safely in their homes for as long as possible.

“Data shows that fires and falls are serious problems for older community members,” Ellis says. “The training will provide us with the educational tools we need to reduce risks and improve the quality of life for residents.”

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