

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATORS
AS PEACE OFFICERS BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

WHEREAS, Section 2910 of the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act (20 ILCS 2910/1) provides that political subdivisions of the State of Illinois may classify a sworn member of its fire department as a peace officer as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Investigators, Gregory L. Morton, Bret A. Mowery, Philip A. Lazzara, George J. Drobney, Jr. and James M. Werner of the Downers Grove Fire Department are:

- a. Sworn members of the Downers Grove Fire Department; and
- b. Authorized to investigate fires or explosions for the Village of Downers Grove.

WHEREAS, the Downers Grove Fire Department is an organized and paid fire department; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove had previously determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Village of Downers Grove to classify Fire Investigators Gregory L. Morton and Bret A. Mowery as Peace Officers of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village of Downers Grove to classify Fire Investigators Philip A. Lazzara, George J. Drobney, Jr. and James M. Werner as additional Peace Officers of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Downers Grove Village Council hereby finds the forgoing recitals to be fact.
2. That the Village Council hereby finds that Fire Investigators Philip A. Lazzara, George

J. Drobney, Jr. and James M. Werner have satisfactorily completed a training program offered or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board which substantially conforms to standards promulgated pursuant to Illinois Police Training Act and AAn Act in relation to firearms training for peace officers@, approved August 29, 1975, as amended, and, have satisfactorily completed a course in fire and arson investigation approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshall pursuant to the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act.

3. That Philip A. Lazzara, George J. Drobney, Jr. and James M. Werner are hereby classified as peace officers of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, and shall possess the same powers of arrest, search and seizure and the securing and service of warrants as sheriffs of counties, and police officers within the jurisdiction of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

4. That Philip A. Lazzara, George J. Drobney, Jr. and James M. Werner, while in the actual investigation of fires, explosions, or, suspected arsons, and matters incident thereto, may carry a firearm as may be necessary and in conformity with the requirements, rules and regulations relating to firearms carried by members of the Downers Grove Police Department.

5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois and approval of the Mayor thereof.

Mayor

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Village Clerk

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