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From the desk of Mayor John D. Ryan

Alsip Residents and Businesses,

Keeping this community safe is our first priority
and for over the past 20 years
Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Rachan did his best
to help everyone he was able. Mike retired from
the Alsip Fire Department almost 2 years ago
and unfortunately passed away on Sunday.
I knew Mike since the early 70's when we
attended St. Ethelreda School at 87th &
Paulina and met again later in life when we
worked in the glass industry and again when I became an
elected official with the Village in 2011.

A few years ago I remember the Alsip Fire department was at
the scene of a rolled-over semi-truck tanker on I-294 and the
driver had to be transported to the hospital, but wouldn’t leave
his dog behind. The small dog was soaked in diesel fuel, so
Mike got some dish soap out of the fire truck and gave the dog
a quick bath on the Tri-State expressway, so it could stay with
the owner who was from another state.

Mike Rachan was always a gentleman, a
reliable Firefighter active in his Church and
even helped at a food pantry. Please keep
the Rachan family in your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Mayor John D. Ryan

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