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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

