



## FINANCIAL AND ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF METRO DETROIT, INC.

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### **Farmington Hills First Responders to Receive Complimentary Estate Planning Services**

**Farmington Hills, Mich., Oct. 22, 2019** – The Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro Detroit (FEP CMD) will be celebrating National Estate Planning Awareness Week (Oct. 21 – 27, 2019) by providing complimentary estate planning services to Farmington Hills first responders on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Jon Grant Community Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

More than half of Americans, an estimated 56 percent, do not have an estate plan in place, making estate planning a critically overlooked component of financial wellness. This creates hardship, financial or otherwise, that can be diminished by advanced planning.

“First responders work tirelessly to protect our families and communities, so FEP CMD wants to honor and thank them by helping them develop an estate planning strategy that will preserve and protect their own families’ financial security,” said Craig Mathiesen, CPA, MST, CTFA, Rehmann and FEP CMD board president. “In 2018, FEP CMD served 25 Novi first responders by preparing basic wills, medical directives and powers of attorney.

Estate planning encompasses the growth, conservation, and transfer of an individual’s wealth through the creation and maintenance of an “estate plan.” The purpose of estate planning is to develop a strategy that maintains the financial security of individuals through their lifetime and ensure the intended transfer of their property and assets at death. The unique circumstances of the family and potential costs of different methods are also taken into consideration.

“As leaders in the estate planning community, FEP CMD members have first-hand experience with the challenges Americans face with regard to saving, investing, and planning for their future. As an estate planning council, we have the ability to make a significant impact and provide educational information to the Farmington Hills First Responders during Estate Planning Awareness Week,” continued Mathiesen. Local firms and schools donating their time and talent at this year’s event include Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP; Cooley Law School; Couzens Lansky Attorneys & Counselors; Fifth Third Bank; Natalia Kujan Gentry, PLC; Hamilton & Associates, PLLC; Kendall & Associates, PLLC; Lott Legal, PLLC; Oakland University CFP Program; Platinum Wealth Management Group, Inc.; Pugh Moak PC; Rehmann; Rutkowski Law Firm and Wayne State University Law School.

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#### **About Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro Detroit, Inc.**

[Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro Detroit, Inc.](http://www.fepcmd.org) (FEP CMD) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cooperative efforts in the fields of estate and business planning among the professionals and business enterprises represented by the members, always keeping in mind the interests of their clients, engaging in study, discussions, meetings and additional activities which will continuously improve their combined services, promoting respect and understanding of the members, and promoting understanding of financial and estate planning matters among the public generally.