

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Special Meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for
Tuesday, July 11, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the

South Pavilion
Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, Illinois

A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached hereto.

Kristin A. Thirion
Clerk
Village of Tinley Park

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The agenda is as follows:

1. OPEN THE MEETING.
2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2017.
3. DISCUSS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.
4. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

ADJOURNMENT

KRISTIN A. THIRION
VILLAGE CLERK

MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
June 13, 2017 – 8:01 p.m.
Council Chambers at
Tinley Park Village Hall
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Members Present: W. Brady, Chair
B. Younker, Village Trustee

Members Absent: M. Glotz, Village Trustee

Other Board Members Present: J. Vandenberg, Village President
M. Mangin, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
P. Connelly, Village Attorney
B. Bettenhausen, Village Treasurer
L. Godette, Deputy Clerk
S. Kissler, Planner 1
F. Reeder, Fire Chief
L. Mason, Deputy Police Chief
T. Woolfalk, Commission Secretary

Item #1 - The meeting of the Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017 – Motion was made by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Younker to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on March 7, 2017. Vote by voice call. Chairman Brady declared the motion carried.

Item #3 - RECEIVE UPDATE ON MUSIC THEATER SECURITY PLANNING – In light of recent events in London, Pat Carr provided informed the Committee that the Public Safety Team is reviewing and updating current emergency plans with the Hollywood Casino Music Theatre. Plans will be discussed in depth in the Executive Session Meeting immediately following the Public Safety Meeting.

ITEM #4 - DISCUSS AGREEMENTS WITH THE MOKENA FIRE DEPARTMENT - Fire Chief Forrest Reeder explained that the Village currently has two previous agreements with the Mokena Fire Protection District and would like to renewal of this agreements for another year.

**A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE
BETWEEN THE TINLEY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MOKENA FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT: RENEWAL:**

This is a renewal of the joint fleet maintenance agreement in which Emergency Vehicle Tech's employed by the Mokena Fire Protection District are contracted to perform routine, preventive and emergency maintenance on the Village of Tinley Parks' fire suppression apparatus fleet. The agreement has been in

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place since 2014 and this would extend the agreement and details the charges assessed to the Village for work completed. Village Attorney Connelly stated that this agreement has been reviewed by him, and is in compliance.

**B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID
BETWEEN THE TINLEY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE MOKENA FIRE
DEPARTMENT PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

This agreement is new to both Tinley Park and Mokena. It was recommended as part of Mokena's insurance. It would allow Mokena to act as an extension of Tinley Park and ensures that the Tinley Park Fire Department will provide Automatic Aid within both communities pursuant to the geographic areas previously determined by both agencies. Village Attorney Connelly stated that this agreement has been reviewed by him, and is in compliance.

Trustee Younker asked what the boundary would be for these agreements. Chief Reeder noted that it is for the Mokena Fire Protection district and for Tinley Park in specified areas as dictated by the CAD directions.

Motion was made by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Younker to recommend to the Village Board the award of both contracts. Vote by voice call. Chairman Brady declared the motion carried.

ITEM #5 - RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -

Jamie Hubbard asked for assistance with traffic on her street, 171st Street east of Oak Park Avenue. She stated that it is a residential neighborhood with lots of children and there are no speed limit signs posted. Jamie stated that she has witnessed two pedestrians being hit by cars since she has lived there.

Ken Shaw lives in the same neighborhood as Ms. Hubbard. Mr. Shaw provided examples of accidents he too has witnessed in the neighborhood. He confirms that street signs are missing. Ken Shaw suggested a police officer with radar be placed in the area and stated concerns with the design of streets in the Village. These residents would like the Public Safety Committee to consider a traffic program for the Village.

Lucas Hawley suggested speed bumps in neighborhoods. He would like consideration to the overnight parking ban as well. Lucas Hawley would like consideration that if you have a village sticker, you are allowed to park on the street in front of your house.

Motion was made by Trustee Brady and seconded by Trustee Younker to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Vote by roll call. Ayes Younker, Brady, Naves: none, Absent: Glotz. Chairman Brady declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AND THE USE OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO RESPOND TO AN ACTUAL, A THREATENED, OR A REASONABLE POTENTIAL DANGER TO THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, STAFF THE PUBLIC OR PUBLIC PROPERTY.


Motion was made by Trustee Younker, seconded by Trustee Brady, to adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Vote by voice call. Trustee Brady declared motion carried and this Executive Session was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Interoffice Memorandum

Police Department

Date: July 5, 2017
To: Trustee Brady
From: Chief Neubauer 
Subject: Neighborhood Watch Request

During 2016 Village Board meetings, more than one resident requested the police department participate in Neighborhood Watch. The citizens requesting this program were not specific in the details of a program they would like to see. In an effort to identify the community need, the Village Manager, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and I met with two community representatives on August 9, 2016.

Historical Background Information on Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a program of the National Crime Prevention Council. The program was launched in 1972 to "count on citizens to organize themselves and to work with law enforcement to keep an eye and ear out in their community." The program envisions citizens doing the following.

- Work with local police. These agencies are critical to watch groups' credibility and a source of information and training.
- Link up with victim services for training.
- Hold regular meetings.
- Go door-to-door to recruit members.
- Sponsor a crime and drug prevention fair at a church, community hall, or community center.
- Check police reports.
- Conduct victimization surveys.
- Work with businesses to repair rundown storefronts, clean up litter, and create jobs for young people.
- Start a block parent program to help children cope with emergencies while walking to and from school.
- Get information out quickly, share all kinds of news, and squash rumors.

History

The Tinley Park Police Department supported a traditional Neighborhood Watch program in the 1990s. Some of the Neighborhood Watch signs can still be seen in various neighborhoods. When the program was introduced, a civilian employee managed the program on a full-time basis.

Flyers were sent out every month containing crime data and crime facts that were at least a month old. Volunteers would deliver the flyers. There were some neighborhood meetings and block captains. At this time, it is unknown how many people actually participated in the program.

By 2005, interest in the program waned. An employee was assigned to check with block captains and people formerly interested in the program and found very little community interest in the program. The program was modified to holding centralized meetings that featured a speaker and crime prevention material. The crime prevention officer was assigned different duties.

By 2012 when I started, there were two Neighborhood Watch meetings every year. These meetings were hosted at the library in the evening hours. Our crime prevention officer arranged for guest speakers and topical information about crime. I personally attended a few of these meetings. These meetings would be attended by 10-20 guests out of a population of 57,000. Those meetings were curtailed for lack of participation.

Current Crime Prevention Programs

Currently, the Tinley Park Police Department participates in several crime prevention programs. There are two civilian crime prevention specialists. There are also several officers who assist with various programs. The programs we currently provide for the public include the following.

- Crime-free Housing
- BASSET
- Child Passenger Safety Inspections and Public Education
- Be a Buckle Buddy
- Lock It or Lose It
- Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
- Elderly Service Officer
- National Night Out
- National Seat Check Saturday
- Safe Ride Home
- Crime Prevention Table at Grocery Stores
- Prescription Drug Disposal
- National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
- Home Security Surveys
- Burglar Alarm Program
- DARE
- Citizens Police Academy
- Peer Jury
- Sex Offender Tracking
- Surviving an Active Shooter
- Coffee with a Cop
- Speakers Bureau

Additionally, the police department puts out timely press releases and works with the marketing department to get other information to the public on an as-needed basis.

Citizen Meeting on August 9, 2016

The two people we met with indicated that they were concerned with timely information getting out to the public to alert the public to ongoing crime patterns, community safety during police activity (such as, manhunts, shootings, or crimes in progress), and crime prevention activity. These gentlemen also indicated they would like some form of a block captain program to alert people who are not computer savvy to police-produced information.

Proposal

I do not believe a traditional Neighborhood Watch with block captains who distribute information and home visits by police officers is viable. This type of program is manpower intensive and, in the day of modern communication methods, somewhat outdated. I would propose the following.

- Strategic use of our current notification programs to deliver emergency information, provide crime prevention information, and provide other police-related information of public interest.
 - Code Red
 - Community Email
 - Emergency text/Email notifications (sign-up program)
 - Village of Tinley Park Facebook
 - Press Releases
 - Twitter
 - Tinley TV
 - Report a Concern
- Police department web page upgrade to include a “Community Watch” section.
 - Include information that has been posted on various Village of Tinley Park media outlets.
 - List all available crime prevention programs.
 - Add updated crime prevention information.
 - Include speakers bureau information available through the police department.
 - Include links to other appropriate crime prevention sites.
- Speakers bureau that would allow people who *want* a police department presentation to request an officer for their community group, church, school, or neighborhood.
 - The website would provide a list of topics people could request a speaker for.
 - Speakers could also respond, when requested, to neighborhoods that may be having a crime issue (such as, burglaries, housing issues, or traffic problems).
- Block captains
 - In lieu of block captains, I would propose that the Village of Tinley Park Facebook page and the police department web page encourage neighbors to learn who in their neighborhood, building, apartment, or association does not have Facebook or web access and endeavor to forward any pertinent information to those neighbors.

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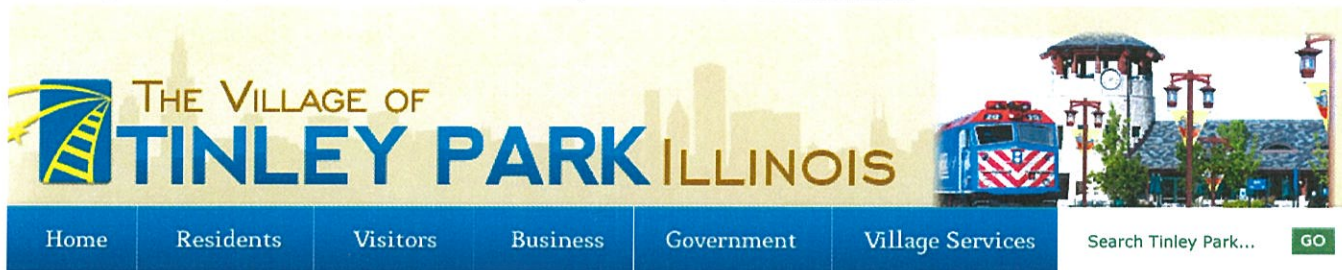
In 2017, information and media are paramount in our lives. A modern "Neighborhood Watch" program needs to be flexible and incorporate various methods of getting our message out.

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c Village Manager Niemeyer
Assistant Village Manager Carr

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Community Watch

The Village of Tinley Park counts on its citizens to be part of Community Watch by calling 911 whenever they see suspicious activity in their neighborhood and by making sure their cars, homes, garages and sheds are locked.

Report a Crime



The Tinley Park Police Department participates in Community Watch by distributing emergency, crime prevention and other police-related information of public interest through the various Village media outlets. The police department also provides crime prevention programs and a "Report a Crime" page on the Village website, as well as offers a Speaker's Bureau for those who request a police department presentation.



Report a Crime

Tinley Park residents can report a non-emergency using the "Report a Crime" page, accessible by [clicking here](#). Please remember to call 911 if you have an emergency requiring immediate assistance.

Notification Programs

The Tinley Park Police Department continually provides information on crime prevention, emergency situations and other police-related topics using:

- **Facebook:** Visit the Village's official [Facebook page](#) and hit "Like" to begin seeing police department information in your news feed. Make sure to share relevant posts with friends, family and neighbors to ensure everyone is informed.
- **Twitter:** Follow the Village's [Twitter](#) page for information conveniently packaged in 140 characters or less.
- **City Watch:** In an emergency situation, phone calls can be placed to residents in an affected area using the City Watch program.
- **Community Email newsletter:** Sign up for the Village's weekly Community Email by [clicking here](#) to receive information directly to your inbox. When the situation warrants, an emergency Community Alert email is also sent to subscribers.
- **Emergency Texts:** Residents can receive emergency text message notifications on their cell phones and/or email accounts by [clicking here](#). These messages include important notifications such as police alerts, severe weather warnings and other serious situations as determined by the public safety departments.
- **News releases:** Emergency situations and crime news that warrant a press release are posted on the [Village website](#) and then archived [here](#) afterward.
- **Tinley Park Television:** Information from the police department is periodically broadcast on [Tinley TV](#), which airs 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Comcast Channel 4 and U-verse Channel 99.
- **Tinley Park Exchange:** Police department information is included in [Tinley Park Exchange](#), which is sent to all Tinley Park households twice a year.

PLEASE NOTE: The Tinley Park Police Department encourages all residents to learn who in their neighborhood, building, apartment or association doesn't have Facebook or web access and endeavor to forward any pertinent information to those neighbors.

Speaker's Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau allows those who'd like to host a presentation by the Tinley Park Police Department to request an officer to come and speak to their community group, church, school or neighborhood. Speakers are also available to respond, when requested, to neighborhoods that may be having a crime issue such as burglaries, housing issues and traffic problems.

Potential Speaker's Bureau topics include:

- Scams/fraud
- Surviving an active shooter
- Crime free housing
- BASSET (liquor servers state required training)
- Senior citizen issues
- Child safety seats
- Traffic safety
- Computer crimes/sexting/identity theft
- Home security surveys – officer coming to your house
- Domestic violence issues
- Rail road safety
- Bicycle safety

To set up a speaker, please email Deputy Chief Lori Mason at lmason@tinleypark.org.

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Crime Prevention programs

The Tinley Park Police Department participates in several crime prevention programs and employs two civilian crime prevention specialists. There are also several officers who assist with various programs. Available programs include:

- [Citizen's Police Academy](#)
- [BASSET program](#)
- [Child passenger safety inspections](#)
- Safe Ride Home program
- ["Be a Buckle Buddy"](#)
- ["Lock It or Lose It"](#)
- [S.A.L.T. \(Seniors and Law Enforcement Together\)](#)
- Elderly services
- [Safe transactions](#)
- Prescription drug disposal
- Home security surveys
- Burglar Alarm Program
- D.A.R.E. program
- [Crime-Free Housing Program](#)
- Peer Jury program
- [Sex offender tracking](#)
- "Surviving an Active Shooter"

The police department also participates in several crime prevention and public safety events throughout the year, including:

- National Night Out Against Crime
- National Seat Check Saturday
- National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Crime Prevention Resources

Click on the below links for other crime prevention information.

- [Crime Prevention page](#)
- ["Lock It or Lose It"](#)
- [Emergency Contact Database](#)
- ["Stop/Yield Signs: Are They the Right Answer?"](#)

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