

FIRE DEPARTMENT and PREVENTION

Station #46

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Station #47

*** Under Construction ***

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Station #48

9191 West 175th Street

Station #49

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**EMERGENCY
PHONE
911**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tinley Park

Firefighters Association 2nd Annual Golf Outing

July 25, 2019

Odyssey Golf & Country Club

National Night Out Against Crime

August 6, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Freedom Park
7835 Timber Drive

Fire Department Open House

October 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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FIRE ALARM NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Last October a letter was sent to all of our fire alarm radio subscribers explaining the use of EMERgency24, a U.L. listed Central Station, to assist in handling non-emergency fire alarm activity. Their main task is to communicate with contractors that are working on or testing fire alarm or fire protection systems and resolve any trouble alarms that are transmitted. On May 8th 2019 all work and test calls along with all Trouble alarm signals were transferred to the EMERgency24 dispatch service.

From this point forward our Tinley Park dispatch center will still handle all Fire and Supervisory alarm signals as they have always done in the past. When these types of signals are received at our dispatch, the Tinley Park Fire Department is required to respond with fire department equipment and personnel. Moving forward, EMERgency24 will receive all trouble signals and the Tinley Park Fire Department will not respond **unless** a responsible person for the building/property cannot be reached by phone. The responsible person(s) will be contacted by EMERgency24 personnel when one or more of the following occurs:

- A Trouble signal is received and it does not restore to Normal in 15 minutes.
- Ten Trouble signal cycles are received within one hour.
- The fire alarm system continues to send an unrestored Trouble signal for 72 hours.
- High-frequency/run-a-way Trouble signals (35 or more signals per hour).

When EMERgency24 contacts the responsible person for one of the above reasons it is important for that person to acknowledge and investigate the Trouble condition so the Tinley Park Fire Department is not dispatched. If a responsible person(s) cannot be reached by phone, then EMERgency24 will contact the Tinley Park dispatch center and have the Tinley Park Fire Department respond to investigate the Trouble alarm. This will be considered a "False Alarm" incident.

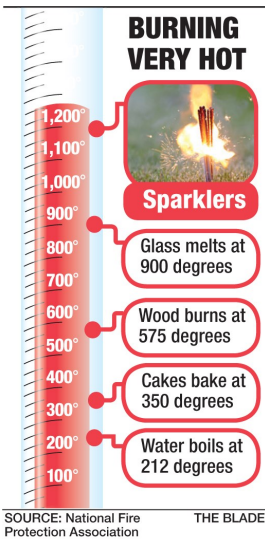
It is very important for the Tinley Park Fire Department and Dispatch Center to have updated and accurate responsible person's phone lists to share with EMERgency24. When our letter was sent last October we also included an Emergency Contact Verification Form. Thanks to over 75% of our alarm holders for providing or at least confirming the names and phone numbers we have on file. If any changes need to be made to your emergency contact list, please send an e-mail to ekeating@tinleypark.org. We have the capability to customize your contact list that works best for days of the week, time of day, persons to call, etc.

All of the fire alarm radios and fire alarm control panels should have new stickers with the new non-emergency phone number that goes directly to EMERgency24 (833-532-1313). Our partnership with EMERgency24 will give us a redundant service to reduce the volume of non-emergency calls to our 911 Dispatch Center, but maintain our notification of trouble issues with fire alarms systems. We also expect response of fire department equipment and personnel to non-emergency Trouble calls to be reduced.

In the near future each alarm holder will be assigned a passcode that will provide an additional level of security minimizing unauthorized access to fire equipment and allowing alarm holders access to their own accounts through EMERgency 24. This value added service is provided at no extra cost. Should you have any questions, you can call 708.444.5200.



FIREWORKS REMINDER



Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. **PLEASE** remember that fireworks and “Sky Lanterns” (AKA Chinese Lanterns) are **NOT** allowed in Tinley Park and throughout the State of Illinois. More importantly, they are extremely dangerous and can cause serious injury or death if not handled properly. “Sky Lanterns” (balloon type device with a lit candle) can cause forest/brush fires to occur and destroy many acres of wildlife areas or cause structure fires to occur because the lanterns have no controlled landing area usually miles from where you let it go. On average 250 people go to the hospital for fireworks related injuries around the 4th of July holiday, in Illinois, (OSFM 2018 statistics) approximately half of all injured persons suffered multiple injuries. Of those injured, 72% are male. More than half of all injuries (56%) occurred to persons over 22 years of age. Children under 6 years of age accounted for nearly 1 in 10 (9.3%) of all injuries. The reported injuries were related to a wide variety of fireworks with “mortars” listed as the most frequent type of fireworks or pyrotechnic effect involved in injury (16%). This was followed by Sparklers (14%), Roman Candles (12%), Firecrackers (12%), and “unknown” is listed for 15% of all injuries. The balance of injuries reported were associated with various other effects including rockets, fountains, detonation/salute devices, and display fireworks. (The sale and use of Roman Candles, Firecrackers and salute devices is prohibited in Illinois.) More than a third (39%) of all injuries (including many severe injuries) affected hands. Injuries to head/face, arms, and legs are each listed in 13% of injuries reported. Eye injuries accounted for 8% of reported injuries. Severe lacerations, fractures, dismemberment, and third degree burns account nearly one third (32%) of all injuries. Temporary or permanent loss of hearing and/or sight account for nearly one in twenty injuries (4.5%). Minor injuries, including abrasion, first and second degree burns account for only about half (55%) of all reported injuries.

Leave fireworks to the professionals!

MEET THE STAFF



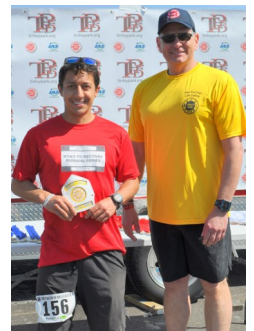
Dale Smith is one of our Fire Inspectors in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Dale has 33 years in the fire service and has served in numerous roles throughout this time, including Paramedic, Firefighter, Public Educator, in addition to his work as a Fire Inspector. He lives here in Tinley Park and has recently retired from the Downers Grove Fire Department. Dale’s education and certifications show he is a versatile individual and is a huge value to the Village and residents of Tinley Park. Dale has always had a passion for Fire Prevention and Public Education as he continues to show this here in Tinley Park. Dale believes strongly in good customer service and shows this in his every day dealings with the residents and business owners here in Tinley Park. He is most excited to be working with the best office and staff any village could ever want.

7TH ANNUAL ‘RUN FOR YOUR LIFE SAFETY’ 5K

Yet another great year for weather and runners for our 7th Annual “Run for Your Life Safety 5K”. It was held this year on May 5th at the 80th Ave. Train Station parking lot and traveled through the Bristol Park subdivision. We had 364 registered runners this year and 46 sponsors’ help out in achieving our goal of raising money for this great cause! We raised over \$17,000 dollars this year to be donated to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance for “Camp I Am Me” and their fire prevention programs. This camp is the first accredited burn camp in the United States for children 8 to 16 years of age who are burn survivors. The mission of “Camp I Am Me” is to provide a safe environment for children who have experienced significant burn injuries. The camp has many trained counselors and fun activities for the children to help them overcome their injuries.

To date the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance has received over \$116,000 for “Camp I Am Me” from sponsorships, donations, and participation in our 5K events.

The Tinley Park Fire Department would like to thank all the participants and sponsors of this great event and hope to get even more businesses, runners, and sponsors involved next year for this great cause. We hope to see you out there next year and if you would like to become a participant or sponsor next year please contact us, we would love to have you as part of our team!



Please do not reset or silence an activated fire alarm system until the Fire Department can determine the cause. Thank you.