



# Tinley Park Fire Department

Forest F. Reeder, Jr., Fire Chief  
Keeping Tinley Park Safe Since 1901



## FIRE ALARM NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2019

### Fire Department and Prevention

#### Station #46

17355 South 68th Court  
Phone: (708) 444-5200  
Fax: (708) 444-5299

#### Station #47

7825 West 167th Street

#### Station #48

9191 West 175th Street

#### Station #49

7801 West 191st Street

### EMERGENCY PHONE

# 911

#### Village of Tinley Park

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Annual Firemen's Dance

January 26, 2019  
Odyssey Country Club

#### Discover Tinley

April 6, 2019  
Tinley Park  
Convention Center

#### 7th Annual Run for Your Life Safety 5K

May 5, 2019  
80th Avenue - Metra Station

### ISO CLASS 1

The Tinley Park Fire Department is proud to announce that the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) has designated it as a **Class 1** Fire Department. This Public Protection Classification (PPC) recognizes the fire protection features as they relate to the first alarm response to structure fires. Previously, the Tinley Park Fire Department held a Class 3 rating. Nationally, there were 241 Class 1 fire departments listed in the 2017 schedule. This rating takes effect on July 1, 2018 and has been published in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. Using a uniform set of criteria and incorporating nationally recognized standards in the industry, the Department and Emergency Service partners were evaluated to determine this score. The PPC grade included an evaluation of needed fire flow, emergency communications, fire department operations, and water supply. As a result, some residents and business owners may be eligible for a reduction in their fire insurance premiums. As adoption of the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule is not a mandatory requirement, we encourage each resident and business owner to contact their fire insurance carrier and inform them of the following:



The Tinley Park Fire Department has been evaluated by and has received a **Class 1 Public Protection Class** rating from the ISO.

Request a review of applicable fire insurance premiums against this rating for potential premium reductions to the owner as a result of this rating class improvement.

We hope this information is helpful and are available for questions or further clarification at the Department

### ALARM MONITORING UPGRADES COMING

In September all of our alarm holders should have received a letter explaining our new partnership with Emergency 24 and the Tinley Park 911 Dispatch Center. Along with that letter you should have received a list of your emergency contact information we have on file. Since then 410 out of 567 alarm holders have responded back to us. Out of the 410 who responded, 231 made changes to their contact information. First of all we are thrilled that over 70% of you took the time to respond to our request to confirm/change your contact information. The thing we found surprising was that out of the 410 who responded, over 50% of you had changes to your contact information. For the 157 alarm holders who have not responded, we would encourage you to complete that contact form and send it to our [firedocs@tinleypark.org](mailto:firedocs@tinleypark.org) e-mail. If you no longer have the contact form or if your contact information changes in the future, please contact our office at (708) 444-5200 to report those changes. This is especially important to do if there is a change in property management or ownership. In case of emergency or non-emergency it is important that our dispatchers and fire department have accurate names and phone numbers to contact someone responsible for that property on a 24-hour basis. **If your fire alarm panel goes into a full fire alarm or supervisory condition our fire department must respond automatically even in cases of a false alarm.** In the case of a trouble alarm on the fire alarm panel the fire department does not need to respond unless we cannot get in contact with a person responsible for the property. By having a person available to take a call on a 24-hour basis the alarm holder can reduce their chances of being charged a false alarm fee. Lastly, in the past two months all of your fire alarm control panels (FACPs) and the Village's radio alarm panels have been re-stickered with non-emergency phone numbers. When work or testing is being done on any of the fire systems your contractor should now call (833) 532-1313. If you have any questions for us at the fire department/prevention please call (708) 444-5200.

### BUILDING PREPLAN

During 2019 you may see Fire Department personnel walking around your business taking notes. No they are not doing inspections, but developing fire pre-plan information. They are looking at access to buildings, location of hydrants, utility shutoffs and other items that are important during a fire emergency. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Tinley Park Firefighters Association  
**2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing**  
July 25, 2019  
Odyssey Country Club

## NFPA 25 ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM TESTING

If your building or structure has an automatic fire sprinkler system, it is required to be tested and maintained by a qualified fire sprinkler contractor. It is extremely important that the licensed fire sprinkler contractor that you choose to conduct your annual testing and maintenance of your fire sprinkler system conduct the testing and maintenance according to NFPA 25. Illinois State Law, 225 ILCS 317/15 (h), requires a copy of all automatic fire sprinkler system inspection reports to be submitted to local fire officials having jurisdiction. Also, all inspectors are required to be NICET II certified or trained through approved apprentice programs. Please have all testing and maintenance reports of the fire sprinkler system sent to [firedocs@tinleypark.org](mailto:firedocs@tinleypark.org) for review.

## THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR PROPERTY?

If you are going sell your property, the following are a couple of items that Fire Prevention will need:

Contact the Tinley Park Community Development Department to have a change of ownership inspection. This is the most cost effective way to understand what, if any, Village code [requirements](#) are identified. This Department can be reached at 708.444.5100.

Your fire alarm monitoring agreement will need to be updated with the new property owner. If you do not have a copy of your agreement, the Fire Prevention office has a copy and staff should be able to assist in getting the updated information.

Contact information for emergency notification. The most current names and telephone numbers are needed for the 911 Center.

Fire alarm and fire suppression test documentation. Your systems must be tested by qualified contractors. This is usually performed on an annual basis.

Addressing these items will go a long way towards making your property transaction a more simpler process.

## MEET THE STAFF



**JACK JANOZIK**  
**PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**COORDINATOR**

Jack Janozik is our Public Education Coordinator in the Fire Prevention Bureau. He has more than 25 years in the fire service and has served in many roles, most recently retiring as Fire Chief in Oak Forest. Serving in the Fire Prevention Bureau in Oak Forest, Jack has always had a passion for fire prevention and is excited to continue in this role. Fire Prevention and Public Education work hand-in-hand in the fire service continuing to keep the citizens of Tinley Park informed and safe. Jack has many certifications from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office pertaining to fire prevention and education; he also serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association to advance fire prevention and education throughout Illinois.

## ADOPT A HYDRANT...GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FIRE HYDRANT!



It is likely that a fire hydrant is located directly in front of your building or adjacent to it. During heavy snowfalls, hydrants can be buried making them inaccessible for fire department use. Please help the Tinley Park Fire Department keep hydrants clear of snow or anything around the hydrant that may obstruct its view and operation.

Over the past few years fire hydrants have been receiving noticeable maintenance. Our Public Works Department has contracted to have fire hydrants sandblasted to remove the old paint and primed white for the new paint; the distinctive yellow color. The caps of the hydrants depending on the size of the water main will have a specific color. The color codes give firefighters and public work employees the ability to know what size water main is feeding the hydrant. This matters for firefighters because it allows them to know what type of water pressure and how many gallons are available if we need it for a fire. The following colors indicate what size main is on your street. Can you tell what type of water main is on your street?

6" Yellow 8" Blue 10" Green 12" Orange 16" Red 20" Brown 24" Grey 30" Purple



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

