

## Fire Department and Prevention

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## FIRE ALARM NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

## FIRE ALARM RADIO TRANSMITTER INSPECTIONS

The fire alarm radio program has been in place since 2008. In 2021 we began a program to have all fire alarm radios in our network inspected every three years. Currently, we have over 570 radios in the Tinley Park network. This inspection, conducted by our vendor Fox Valley, helps evaluate the overall “health” of the radio alarm network and provides an opportunity to update any components of the radio which may expedite the transmission of the signals to our dispatch center. This routine inspection and any upgrades/repairs to the radio are done at **NO** cost to the radio alarm holder. By the end of 2021 we will have inspected 205 radios. This year we will inspect another 200 radios and in 2023 we will inspect the remaining radios in the network. Fox Valley Fire & Safety continues to be our authorized vendor for the Tinley Park Fire Department to install and maintain the integrity of the Tinley Park wireless radio network. When your radio comes due to be inspected you will receive a letter from Fox Valley Fire explaining the inspection process. At some point a Fox Valley Fire representative will contact you to schedule an appointment with a radio/fire alarm technician to inspect your radio.

Please contact our Fire Alarm Service Officer, Bob Buttala at [rbuttala@tinleypark.org](mailto:rbuttala@tinleypark.org) with any questions.

## MEET THE STAFF



Heidi Twomey has been part of our Fire Department for about a year and her role in the fire alarm monitoring program is focused on maintaining workorders, billing and invoicing processes. In addition to the radio alarm program, Heidi is also responsible for coordinating the occupancy inspection program. Overall, Heidi has worked for the Village of Tinley Park for 16 years, performing tasks in both the Clerk and Finance areas. If you have any questions regarding the radio alarm program, the service that was provided or the billing process, please contact Heidi direct at 708.444.5208

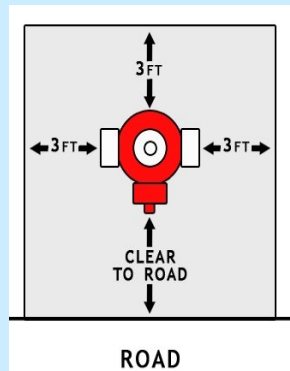
## KNOX BOXES

Per Village Code and Section 506 of the 2012 International Fire Code, Knox Boxes are required on all buildings inspected by the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau. Keys that operate all doors (exterior/interior) for the common areas must be placed in the Knox Box. This includes keys for the fire alarm system. If at any time the keys for any of the common area doors are changed, please notify the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau at 708.444.5200. We will set up an appointment for you to meet an inspector on location to place a new key(s) into the Knox Box. For security purposes, keys **CANNOT** be dropped off at our office.



## ACCESSIBLE HYDRANTS KEEP US ALL FIRE SAFE

If you can't see your fire hydrant, that can be a problem for everyone, including firefighters. Help the Tinley Park Fire Department and please "adopt" the fire hydrant near your home or business. After a measurable snow, clearing a 3-foot area around a hydrant saves firefighters precious time in the event of an emergency.



## COLD WEATHER REQUIRES A WARM BUILDING

Keeping your building sufficiently heated at a minimum of 66° for a commercial building and 68° for a residential building, is not only a Village Ordinance, but it ensures that your fire sprinkler system will work if needed. Please ensure all your heating equipment is in proper working order.

## THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE ENTERS ITS SECOND YEAR

On October 1, 2020, The Tinley Park Fire Department began using Brycer ([www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com)). This helped the Fire Department receive life safety systems documents and deficiencies. To date we have seen a 19% increase in documents received from the previous year and an 80% compliance rate for all protection systems village wide. Here is a list of systems and the frequency they need to be tested and submitted to [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com)

System	Frequency	System	Frequency
Fire Alarm	Annually	Fixed Extinguishing System	Semi-Annual
Fire Sprinkler	Annually	Hood & Duct Cleaning	Semi-Annual
Fire Pump	Annually	5 Year Fire Sprinkler	5 years
Generator	Annually	Private Fire hydrant	Annually

Did you know that you have access to when your documentation is due for your life safety systems? The Tinley Park Fire Department can grant you access to your properties in [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).



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

