



Tinley Park Fire Department

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



FIRE ALARM NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2020

Fire Department and Prevention

Station #46

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

Station #47

under construction

Station #48

9191 West 175th Street

Station #49

7801 West 191st Street

EMERGENCY PHONE

911

Village of Tinley Park

Jacob C. Vandenberg, Mayor
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Firemen's Dance

January 25, 2020
Odyssey Country Club

8th Annual Run for Your Life Safety 5K

May 3, 2020
80th Avenue Train Station

WHO IS TESTING AND MAINTAINING YOUR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM?

Your building fire sprinkler system is required to be tested to the standards established by NFPA 25—Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems. This periodic activity is designed to ensure your system will work as designed should your facility have a fire incident. Individuals performing this activity on your system also have to have meet minimum standards. Individuals must have one of the following qualifications to be able to perform the necessary work to ensure a properly functioning fire sprinkler system:

NICET II—Water-based Systems or

Satisfactory completion of a Certified Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Program as approved by the Department of Labor

Contact your fire sprinkler company (who is required to be licensed through the Office of the State Fire Marshal) to make sure they are using individuals with these qualifications. When the testing is completed your contractor must send these documents to the Tinley Park Fire Department at firedocs@tinleypark.org.

NEW ALARM MONITORING IS HERE

Since May 2019 our new partnership with Emergency 24 and the Tinley Park 911 Dispatch Center has been on line. In these initial months we had to work out some details to the new program. At this time everything is operating as expected.

Here we are beginning a new decade—now is the time to make sure all of the names and phone numbers you have listed for contact information are still applicable. Please send any changes to your contact list to firedocs@tinleypark.org or contact our office at (708) 444-5200 to report those changes. It is imperative that our dispatchers and fire department have accurate names and phone numbers to contact someone responsible for the property on a 24-hour basis.

If your fire alarm panel transmits a full fire or supervisory alarm condition, our fire department must respond automatically even in the case of a false alarm. A transmitted trouble alarm does not need a response by the fire department 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.

When work or testing is being performed on any fire system, your contractor needs to call (833) 532-1313. In the future, in order to provide an additional layer of security, each alarm holder will be provided with an individual pass code. If you have any questions for us at the Tinley Park Fire Department/Prevention Bureau please call (708) 444-5200. Please look for these numbers which are posted on the radio and the fire alarm panel at your location.

Lastly, throughout 2020 Fox Valley Fire & Safety will be performing radio maintenance at your facility. The technician from Fox Valley should properly identify himself and the maintenance work should take less than one hour. There is no cost to you for this value added service.

BUILDING PREPLANS CONTINUE

Throughout the year 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
3rd Annual Charity Golf Outing
July 30, 2020
Odyssey Country Club



KEEP YOUR BUILDING PROPERTY HEATED

By the time you have received this newsletter, we probably have already experienced a couple of cold days. For those properties with fire sprinkler systems, are your buildings properly heated? A frozen fire sprinkler system will not save any lives and will cause damage to your property. Ensure that your heating equipment is operating properly. Please ensure the entire building (including vacant spaces) has been provided with adequate heat for the winter season. The temperature in the building should be **no less than 60 degrees.**

THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR PROPERTY?

If you are going to 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



Brian Hoogervorst is a Firefighter/Driver Operator and Fire Inspector with the Tinley Park Fire Department. In his role as Fire Inspector, Brian is responsible for identifying any fire hazards and making sure that fire equipment is in working order in multi-family and

commercial buildings in our Village. One of his favorite parts of Fire Prevention is Public Education. Annual school visits, the 3rd grade program, and our Open House event better the people of Tinley Park by teaching them the importance and practices of fire prevention so we will all be safer. In his role as a FF/DO, along with emergency calls, Brian is also responsible on a daily basis for maintenance of our firehouses, emergency vehicles and all equipment on those vehicles.

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.***

