



# Tinley Park Fire Department

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## Station #1

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Phone: (708) 444-5200  
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## Station #2

7825 W. 167<sup>th</sup> Street

## Station #3

9191 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street

## Station #4

7801 W. 191<sup>st</sup> Street

## EMERGENCY PHONE

# 911

### VILLAGE OF TINLEY PARK

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## Dear Fire Alarm Subscriber:

In July, we will have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Wireless Radio Alarm program. How successful is it? In 2011 we did not assess any false alarm fees to any alarm holders. That has never happened in the history of the Village's False Alarm Ordinance. There are two reasons why I believe this has occurred:

1. The radio alarm program and equipment is working as designed;
2. Alarm holders have been doing a better job of having regular maintenance on their fire alarm equipment.

We are nearing completion for the distribution of the clear plastic sleeves that will house all your test documents. This plastic sleeve serves a dual purpose: it centrally locates all required documents for both you and the Fire Prevention Inspector when they are performing inspections.

I would like to inform you of a significant change regarding the testing, inspection and maintenance of your fire sprinkler systems. The State of Illinois requires that these systems be tested by a State licensed contractor and all records sent to the Fire Prevention Bureau. To view a listing of licensed contractors, please go to the State Fire Marshall's website at <http://www.sfm.illinois.gov>. These documents can be faxed to 708-444-5299 or e-mailed to Inspector Bob Buttala at [rbuttala@tinleypark.org](mailto:rbuttala@tinleypark.org). Shortly, the Fire Prevention Bureau will be developing a website that will allow for all test documents to be housed for viewing. The purpose is to create one location for these test documents.

Starting in the next 60-90 days some of you may be solicited for feedback on how we provide services. This is part of our accreditation process that we will be completing by August 1<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated that we will be successful in meeting all of the criteria and if so, we will be the first municipal Fire Prevention Bureau to attain this distinction. Here is an opportunity to be part of the process. If you receive a questionnaire, please take a few minutes to complete it. I will guarantee that if there is a need for improvement, we will do it in a way that is best for the community.

In the "Meet the Staff" section, we highlight our Public Education Coordinator, Bill Proper. Bill has been serving the community for over a decade and I am sure you will find what he does interesting.

Our CPR program is going strong, and we will be introducing another program to enhance the safety of our community. The fire extinguisher training program will be available later in 2012. For more information, please contact our Public Education Coordinator Bill Proper at [bproper@tinleypark.org](mailto:bproper@tinleypark.org).

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that our Open House is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Fire Station One. Stay tuned for more details.

Have a safe 2012 and if you have any questions about the Fire Alarm Program, please call me at 708-444-5200.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Dunn  
Fire Chief  
Fire Prevention Administrator





## Public Education Opportunities

The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau provides inspectional services, but also offers other educational opportunities for businesses and the general public. One program is to provide fire extinguisher training for students to learn the three basic classes of fire: Class A – wood, paper, cloth and other ordinary combustibles; Class B – flammable liquids including flammable gases; and Class C – energized electrical equipment. In this class, students will learn how to safely use different fire extinguishers for each class of fire. Another educational opportunity is our American Heart Association lifesaving CPR/AED certified training. These three-hour classes can be conducted at your business or at the Fire Department. For more information on these and other programs offered by the Fire Prevention Bureau, please call Bill Proper at 708-444-5200 or email [bproper@tinleypark.org](mailto:bproper@tinleypark.org).

### Battery Replacement Program

In the past year, the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau has been replacing batteries in all of the radio alarm transmitters in town. As of this date, 92% of all radios have had their batteries replaced at no cost to you. We will continue to change out the batteries every 30-36 months.

### Selling Your Business?

Are you planning to sell your business or property? Please remember you need to change the Subscriber to the Wireless Fire Alarm Equipment Lease/Signal Monitoring Agreement. You need to notify the Fire Prevention Bureau no less than 60 days prior to ownership change. The purpose for this requirement is to ensure ample time to change our records with respect to billing. Thank you for your cooperation.

### NOTICE: New Test Requirements

Three years ago the Fire Prevention Bureau required you to provide us with fire alarm test documents annually. At that time, many of you had not had your fire alarm systems tested in years. Now that we are getting your fire alarm test documents regularly, we can see the decline in nuisance alarm calls. Starting in 2013 the Fire Prevention Bureau shall require all buildings with fire protection systems (all sprinklered buildings) to have their system tested and inspected by a qualified fire protection contractor on an annual basis also. For many years, our Tinley Park inspectors have done the minimum tests to your fire protection systems. We performed a main drain test, a tamper test and an inspectors test. This will no longer be the practice for our fire inspectors. For a good number of you, nothing will change because you have been testing your fire protection systems using a qualified contractor. The fire protection contractor must be state licensed through the State Fire Marshal's Office (<http://www.sfm.illinois.gov>). Fire alarm contractors must be licensed through the State of Illinois Division of Professional Regulations (<http://www.idfpr.com>). A written record must be maintained on your fire protection and fire alarm systems and sent to the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau. These documents can be faxed to 708-444-5299 or emailed to [rbuttala@tinleypark.org](mailto:rbuttala@tinleypark.org). In addition, keep a copy of these documents in the sleeve we provided near your fire alarm control panel. Thank you for having your fire alarm systems and your fire protection systems properly maintained.

### Meet the Staff

We are pleased to introduce you to our **Public Education Coordinator Bill Proper**. Bill has been working with the Fire Department for 15 years, the last 5 years in his current position. He has been instrumental in providing the community education in CPR, elementary school programs, senior population and developmentally disabled. If you need to have fire safety education for you or your organization, please give Bill a call. He can be reached at 708-444-5200 or email [bproper@tinleypark.org](mailto:bproper@tinleypark.org).



### Additional Alarm Signal

Are you looking to provide added reliability to your fire alarm system? Most of you have fire alarm systems that send three types of signals (fire, supervisory, and trouble). Our radio alarm equipment is capable of receiving a fourth signal, "water flow". The cost for this enhanced feature varies and depends on the type of fire alarm panel you have in your facility. If you are interested in enhancing your fire alarm capabilities, please call Fire Inspector Bob Buttala at 708-444-5250 and he will assist you in answering any questions that you may have.