



# Tinley Park Fire Department

SUMMER 2011

## Station #1

17355 S. 68th Court  
Phone: (708) 444-5200  
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## Station #2

7825 W. 167th Street

## Station #3

9191 W. 175th Street

## Station #4

7801 W. 191st Street

## EMERGENCY PHONE

# 911

VILLAGE OF  
TINLEY PARK  
Edward Zabrocki  
Mayor  
Patrick Rea  
Village Clerk

Trustees  
David Seaman  
Gregory Hannon  
Brian Maher  
Thomas Staunton, Jr.  
Patricia Leoni  
T.J. Grady



## Dear Fire Alarm Subscriber:

It has been nearly three years since the implementation of the Wireless Radio Alarm Program. As Fire Chief, I am proud to say that it has met all the objectives that the Village established when the program was implemented in 2008. Highlights of the program include:

- Your monthly cost has been stabilized to allow for you as an alarm holder to better budget for expenses relating to fire alarm and fire protection equipment.
- If you take advantage of all incentives offered, we have minimized the average monthly cost for alarm services to just \$55 (using the annual payment fee option).
- The transmission of alarm signals has now become more reliable than the previous technology, which utilized AT&T phone lines. This reduces unnecessary responses of fire personnel.

Monthly alarm fees go toward updating transmitting and receiving equipment without any increases or special assessments.

As we move forward, we will begin maintenance on the transmitting equipment located in your facilities. The transmitting equipment, which is the size of a shoe box, periodically will need the batteries replaced. Fire Prevention personnel and our contract vendor, Fox Valley, will be performing this work. They should be courteous in their visit. If not, please give me a call. The battery replacement will incur no cost to you.

During our normal inspection visit or radio transmitter maintenance, we will be providing you with a clear plastic sleeve to allow for storage of current test documents.

As the Fire Department becomes “greener”, we are working toward electronic communications for all of our correspondence relating to fire alarm billing, fire inspections and informational newsletters. If you wish to receive all your correspondence electronically, send us an email at [tpfd@tinleypark.org](mailto:tpfd@tinleypark.org). Provide us with your name, the email address to which you want correspondence mailed, and a telephone number.

This may be a little early, but I want to remind everyone of our Open House activities on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at our Fire Station One, located at 17355 68<sup>th</sup> Court.

Once again, thanks for all your cooperation. It has helped with the success of the Radio Alarm Program.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Dunn  
Fire Chief



**October is  
Fire Prevention  
Month  
Open House  
Fire Station One  
October 15th  
10:00 a.m.**



## Help Make Fire Hydrants Visible

The big February snow-storm was a reminder that the Fire Department needs everyone's assistance in making fire hydrants easier to locate. This is true in every season.

If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please keep it free of any overgrown vegetation and do not park or place anything around the hydrant that may obstruct its operation.

In the event of a fire, your cooperation will save time for the firefighters.

**TINLEY PARK  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
(708) 444-5200**

## Planned Radio Transmitter Maintenance

This summer, we will begin replacing batteries in the radio alarm transmitters at your locations. Alarm holders who had their transmitters installed in 2008 will be the first replaced.

A representative from Fire Prevention will do the battery maintenance, which should take no more than 30 minutes. There is no cost to you for this service.

In addition, over the next 12 months, the Fire Prevention Bureau will distribute to our alarm holders a clear, plastic sleeve in which to store current fire protection and fire alarm documents.

This document holder will be affixed adjacent to your fire alarm or fire protection equipment. It will assist in expediting our fire inspection of your premises and gives you, the alarm holder, a recognizable location for these important documents. We are pleased to provide this to you at no cost.

## The Top Five Fire Code Violations

Ever wonder what the most frequent fire code violations are? They are:

1. Lack of fire alarm and fire protection test documents
2. Improperly working exit lighting
3. Improperly working emergency lighting
4. Improperly maintained fire extinguishers
5. Defective or improperly working smoke detection

Fortunately, these violations can be corrected in a timely manner.

When you are expecting your next fire inspection, take a few minutes to see if these five items are provided or in good working order. This will definitely make for a quicker inspection process and eliminate the need for any re-inspections.

We are pleased to introduce **Fire Inspector Bob Buttala**. You may already be familiar with Bob in his capacity in the Fire Prevention Bureau as an Inspector. In addition to inspections, Bob's new duties will include the maintenance of the radio alarm transmitter located in your building. Bob will also be the lead inspector regarding any fire alarm and fire protection impairments.



### Please inform us of billing information changes

If you are selling your building, or if information regarding the billing of the fire alarm monitoring should change, please contact Fire Prevention with that updated information.

If you do not notify Fire Prevention, per the contract agreement you are still responsible for monitoring fees. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Keating, Fire Prevention Clerk, 708-444-5208.