



# Tinley Park Fire Department

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## Station #1

17355 S. 68<sup>th</sup> Court  
Phone: (708) 444-5200  
Fax: (708) 444-5299

## 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  
Edward Zabrocki  
Mayor  
Patrick Rea  
Village Clerk

Trustees  
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Thomas Staunton, Jr.  
Patricia Leoni  
T.J. Grady



## Dear Fire Alarm Subscriber:

On behalf of the Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau, I hope 2012 is a safe and prosperous one for all. This year brings a lot of changes not only to requirements for fire alarm and fire protection systems in your building, but changes in the way we will be communicating to all of you.

As we mentioned in the Winter 2010 newsletter, testing of your fire alarm and fire protection systems needs to be done by a qualified contractor. Depending on the type of alarm and protection equipment that you have will determine the testing frequencies. 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 and sent to the Fire Prevention Bureau. These documents can be faxed to 708.444.5299 or e-mailed to [rbuttala@tinleypark.org](mailto:rbuttala@tinleypark.org).

We will begin our program of providing all alarm holders with clear plastic sleeves to place all testing documents. The objective is to make testing documents available when we do our inspections so that we can determine on site that equipment testing is performed in a timely manner. Field inspectors will work with you regarding the location of these plastic sleeves. The optimum location is adjacent to your fire alarm or protection equipment.

Maintenance of the radio alarm transmitter has been ongoing since June of this year. Inspector Bob Buttala may have been in your building replacing radio transmitter batteries. This is a planned maintenance program and we expect this to be done every 36 months. The battery replacement will incur NO cost to you. Additionally, this year we will be budgeting for more extensive maintenance on the radio transmitters located in your buildings. When the details of this program are available, I will make sure that is distributed to you. Again this will be at NO cost to you.

As the Fire Department becomes "greener", we are working towards 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, drop us an email to [tpfd@tinleypark.org](mailto:tpfd@tinleypark.org). See the article in this newsletter regarding electronic scheduling of fire inspections.

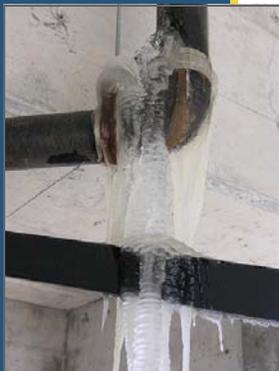
Once again thanks for all your cooperation; it has helped with the success of the Radio Alarm Program.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Dunn  
Fire Chief



## Avoid Frozen Pipes this Winter



When fire sprinkler system pipes freeze, the potential damage can be costly and life-threatening. A properly heated building greatly reduces the potential for your fire sprinkler system to freeze. This not only impairs this required life safety/property protection system, but may also result in significant water damage should the pipes freeze, then thaw. Please ensure that the entire building (including vacant spaces) has been provided with adequate heat for the winter season. If you have tenants and businesses that close or residents who leave for any extended period of time, please inform them to keep the heat in their space **no less** than 60°F. If using a portable heating device, make sure it is approved for indoor use and follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use.

**For more information, please email  
Fire Inspector Steve Lorendo at [slorendo@tinleypark.org](mailto:slorendo@tinleypark.org).**

## Help Make Fire Hydrants Visible



With winter upon us, the Fire Department needs everyone's assistance in keeping fire hydrants easier to locate. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please keep it free of snow or anything around the hydrant that may obstruct its view and operation. If the event of a fire, your cooperation will save time for the firefighters. Thank you for your assistance.

## Payment Options for Wireless Alarm Subscribers

### **Online Account Access**

Allows the user to view billing and payment history for the most recent year. Once registered, you may make payments with your Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card and payment will be posted the same day. The first time you pay online, simply register as a "New User" by following the prompts.

If you experience any issues while processing, please contact us at:  
[support@tinleypark.org](mailto:support@tinleypark.org).

### **EZ Pay**

Tinley Park offers *E-Z Pay*, a free program that makes paying alarm bills easy and convenient. This program allows customers to make payments automatically by electronic transfer directly to the Village. Payments are deducted from a designated checking or saving account on the due date of the bill unless the bill has already been paid in full 3 days prior to the due date. To take advantage of this convenient service, please visit our website:  
[www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org),

### **In Person**

Pay your bill in person at the following locations with cash, check or charge card (VISA, MasterCard and Discover card accepted) at:

Village Hall  
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue  
(708) 444-5000

Police Department  
7850 W. 183rd Street  
(708) 444-5300

### **Mail/Drop Box**

Mail your payment or drop your payment in the Drop Box located in the front of the Village Hall.

## Meet the Staff

We would like to introduce **Fire Inspector Steve Lorendo**. You may already be familiar with Steve in his capacity in the Fire Prevention Bureau as an Inspector. Steve has been working with businesses and residences for over 5 years. If you have a question regarding fire codes, Steve can get you the answer. In addition to fire inspections, Steve's duties also include plan reviews, public education activities and new construction inspections.



## E-Mailing Inspection Notices

In 2012, you will begin receiving e-mails regarding upcoming fire inspections. The Fire Prevention Bureau expects this to be a more efficient means of making appointments and letting you know that a Fire Prevention inspection is due. If you want more information regarding this program, please call Donna Beran at 708.444.5209 or email at [dberan@tinleypark.org](mailto:dberan@tinleypark.org).