



Tinley Park Fire Department

WINTER 2013

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VILLAGE OF TINLEY PARK

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Dear Fire Alarm Subscriber:

2012 has been an extremely busy and productive year for the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau. Some of the highlights include: a \$60.00 reduction on your monitoring fees and the accreditation of our Bureau.

We are now in the fifth year of our Radio Alarm Program and due to the success of the program and the services provided, you will see a reduced fee on your bill which is equivalent to one month's free monitoring service. This reduction is a direct result of the effectiveness of this program, costs being held at the current level, alarm holders doing a better job of having regular maintenance of their fire alarm equipment, and the program and equipment are working as designed. Additionally, you could see more savings if you take advantage of annual billing and our EZ pay program (for more information, please see page 2).

On September 17th, the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau became the first municipality in the nation to attain IAS Accreditation. In summary, this means that the Bureau is working at the highest level possible. I couldn't be more proud of the members of our Bureau and the tremendous effort that was put into attaining this status (for more information and frequently asked questions, please see page 2). Additionally, our inspectors have completed the distribution of the clear plastic sleeves that house your test documents. If you haven't received one, please contact Donna at 708-444-5209. Also, if you receive a survey regarding the services we provide after a visit from one of our inspectors, I would ask that you take a moment to go online and complete same. Your opinions and comments are a valuable part of evaluating our day to day operations to make our Bureau more effective.

In closing, I would encourage you to make health and safety part of your New Year's resolutions. We offer classes in both CPR/AED and fire extinguisher training. Please be sure to visit us at Discover Tinley on March 23, 2013 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. We will be more than happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Have a safe 2013.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Dunn
Fire Chief
Fire Prevention Administrator



TINLEY PARK FIRE PREVENTION

First Municipal Bureau to be Accredited in the Nation

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Accreditation and how does it work?

Fire Prevention Accreditation is based on IAS AC426 criteria. It is a quality assurance program for agencies like Tinley Park Fire Prevention that provide Fire and Life Safety services to the jurisdiction it serves.

Why did Tinley Park Fire Prevention choose to be accredited?

There are rules and regulations that Fire Prevention must adhere to regarding responsibilities and enforcement, but there are no rules and regulations on how Fire Prevention should operate. The Fire Chief and Village Administration decided the best way to demonstrate the highest level of service and good value is through accreditation. Accreditation evaluated how we conduct inspections/plan reviews, identify fire and life safety risks in the Village of Tinley Park and finally the effectiveness of community risk reduction.

How long did the evaluation process take?

Approximately 10 months; the process began in November 2011 by submitting the application for consideration to IAS. Fire Prevention's goal was to have this evaluation process completed by October 1, 2012.

What is the Process?

Tinley Park Fire Prevention was given a self-assessment document to complete. This self-assessment document is comprised of 150 categories/objectives. This document was submitted to IAS in January 2012 for review and approval.

Once the self-assessment document was approved, an on-site pre-evaluation visit is scheduled for review of all self-assessment documents. This phase of the evaluation also requires interviews of Fire Prevention and Village management staff. This on-site evaluation occurred in April 2012.

The full on-site evaluation occurred in July 2012. All remaining documents and procedures that were identified to be corrected or improved were considered satisfied at this evaluation. Observations of work flow and field activity were part of the objectives for this portion of the evaluation. Upon conclusion, it was recommended that Tinley Park Fire Prevention be recommended for accreditation.

Does it save the Village money?

There is no direct savings as a result of being an accredited organization. However, there are direct savings as a result of the Fire Prevention Bureau performing daily tasks efficiently and implementing enforcement and public education programs designed to save lives and minimize loss of property as a result of fire. Fire Prevention has long believed savings are realized through long-term established prevention/code applications and educating the public on specific fire/safety concerns.

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Save Even More!

Did you know that by switching from quarterly billing to annual billing you can save an additional \$60.00 per year? That's one month of **FREE** service. Also, newly registered customers to EZ Pay (electronic transfer from a checking or savings account) can also receive a one time credit of \$60.00. By taking advantage of both of these options, you can save an additional \$120.00. Please contact Eileen at 444-5208 for more information.

Meet the Staff

Senior Fire Inspector, Dan Riordan - A member of the Fire Department since 1981, Dan has been working in the Fire Prevention Bureau for the past 11 years. He is responsible for the daily operations of the Bureau which includes code interpretations, plan reviews, public education and fire investigations. Most recently Dan was the Team Leader for the successful Accreditation of the Fire Prevention Bureau.



Life Saving Safety Classes

The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau also provides several educational opportunities for businesses and the general public. One program is to provide fire extinguisher training. This specialized training involves learning the three basic classes of fire: Class A – wood, cloth, paper & other ordinary combustible; Class B – flammable liquids including flammable gases; 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 classes can be conducted at your business or at the Fire Department. For more information on these and other programs offered by the Nationally Accredited Fire Prevention Bureau, please contact Bill at 708-444-5202.