

North Maine Fire Protection District Summer – 2018

The North Maine Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and Staff are providing the following helpful information as requested by our residents.

As your elected representatives of this fire district, we encourage you to contact us with any concerns or suggestions via e-mail or phone (see contact information on back of this page) or in person at our monthly board meeting or at our **Annual Open House on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 11 am to 3 pm at the fire station.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Call 911 for all Emergencies:

The emergency 911 number is intended for all emergency situations (fire, police, or medical emergency). DIAL 911 and if possible, stay on the telephone with the 911 dispatcher until you are instructed to hang up. **PLEASE NOTE: WHEN USING YOUR CELL PHONE, ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU GIVE THE DISPATCHER YOUR EXACT LOCATION**

Smart911:

Smart911 is a program sponsored by the Cook County Sheriff's Police that allows residents to create personal safety profiles connected to their phone or cell phone number. When 9-1-1 is dialed from that number, the resident's profile information will instantaneously appear on Emergency Dispatcher's computer screen. The profile information is secure and confidential and is only seen by 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatchers.

Smart911 is extremely beneficial because it is difficult for callers to give information when they are stricken by an emergency. A safety profile helps get critical information to a dispatcher quickly. Cell phones do not give a caller's exact location. However, with a Smart 911 safety profile, personal, home and

vehicle information can be used to help first responders locate a caller during an emergency.

You can get more information or create your own profile at www.smart911.com.

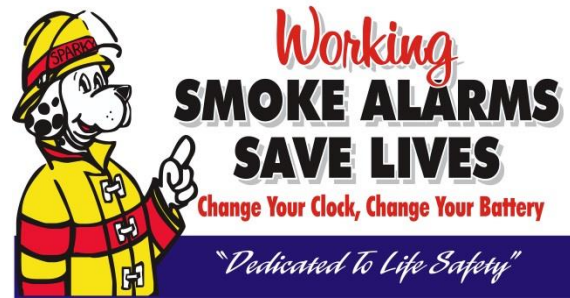
Medical Emergencies:

What is a Medical Emergency?

A medical emergency is an event that you reasonably believe threatens your or someone else's life or limb in such a manner that immediate medical care is needed to prevent death or serious impairment of health.

If you are experiencing any of the following, call 9-1-1 immediately:

- Difficulty breathing, chest pain, sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth, nose, vagina or bottom or from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure
- Broken bones, drowning, choking, severe burns, poisoning, drug overdose
- When you witness someone faint or someone is unresponsive
- If someone is threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else



Smoke Detectors

The Illinois Smoke Detector Act requires a working smoke detector on each floor, including the basement in single family homes. For all other dwelling units, they are required within 15 feet of every bedroom or sleeping area.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Illinois Carbon Monoxide Detector Act requires at least one carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of every bedroom or sleeping area.

Property owners are required to provide working smoke & carbon monoxide detectors in leased units. Testing & general maintenance – including battery replacement is the tenant's responsibility.

Illinois General Assembly: Public Act 094-0741

The fire department has smoke detectors available for \$10, if needed. We will assist in installing your detectors and providing replacement batteries, free of charge.

Fire Department Knox Box system

The fire department uses a Knox box on properties, in case of an emergency and access is needed. It's a secure way to store your key(s) of your property for fire department (NMFDP) personnel only. The department has the means for you to purchase one for your property, or as a loaner for people with documented medical issues.

Residents with Disabilities

If you or a family member has a medical condition, which would make it difficult in an emergency to exit your / their home or unit, please notify us. We have a program set-up, in which an emergency occurs in your unit or building – units can be notified and made aware of your condition & location. While crews are responding, they will be notified via the CAD system in our vehicles.

Fire Prevention Bureau: 847-297-5020

Open Meetings:

The regular meetings of the **North Maine Fire Protection District's Board of Trustees** are open to the public and are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at 9301 Potter Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016.

Board of Trustees Meetings:

September 14, 2016 October 12, 2016
November 9, 2016 December 14, 2016

North Maine Fire Protection District Pension Board Meetings are also open to the public and are held quarterly at the same location at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Fire District for confirmation of date if you plan on attending.

Pension Board Meeting:

November 6, 2018

Save the Date for Special Events:

North Maine Fire Protection District

49th Annual Open House

September 15th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Be sure to check out our sign, in front of the fire station, on Potter Road for upcoming events and important announcements.

What Do You Think?

We welcome any suggestions you may have and value your input. Please let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter or any other forms in PDF format via email in the future. What questions do you have for us?

NMFPD Web Site:

The web site contains a host of valuable information that will keep you up to date with what is happening at your Fire Department. For example, you can register for CPR classes.

Please feel free to call us or visit the web site at

<http://www.northmainefpd.org>

Contact information is listed below.

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Message From The Chief:

On behalf of the members of the North Maine Fire Protection District, I would like to thank you for viewing our annual newsletter.

The North Maine Fire Protection District (NMFPD) prides itself on providing outstanding customer service to both our residents and neighbors alike. We have 22 full-time firefighters that are prepared 24/7 to answer the call.

In 2017, we responded to a record 3,526 calls.

Below is the breakdown:

- 2,153 Medical Calls
- 1,362 Other Type Alarms
- 11 Structure Fires

NMFPD is a member of the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (RED Center) in Northbrook, IL. We are one of 14 member fire departments that have access to state-of-the-art dispatch technology. This technology gives us the tools to provide vital services to our residents in both a timely and cost effective manner.

Our latest Insurance Services Office (ISO) review upgraded us from class 4 to class 3. Insurance companies use these ISO ratings when underwriting your property/casualty insurance premiums.

Please stop by the fire station anytime. We'd be happy to give you a tour and answer any question you may have.

- Chief Robert McKay