

## North Maine Fire Protection District Fall – 2020

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 the fire district, we encourage you to contact us with any concerns or suggestions via e-mail or phone (see contact information on the last page) or in person at our monthly board meeting.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding an open house this fall**

### 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:

The Cook County Sheriff's Police, is offering a program called SMART911, which is tied to your landline or cell phone number. SMART911 provides you the ability to confidentially store any critical care and emergency rescue information online in advance of any emergency.

Information can include children's photos, medical conditions, addresses, vehicle information and disabilities – which would include special rescue-related information of yourself or others.

SMART911 – [www.smart911.com](http://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. We offer assistance in installing your detectors and providing replacement batteries, free of charge.

#### Fire department Knox Box system

The Knox Box allows fire department personnel access to locked doors and secured entry points, which can delay an emergency response. If you have your locks changed, it is imperative that you notify us of the change and we can place the new key in the box and reduce any damage to your property if forcible entry is needed. To purchase a new Knox Box or replace an outdated style key box with a Knox Box, please call the fire prevention office.

#### Residents with disabilities

If you or a family member has a medical or physical condition, in which would make it difficult in an emergency to exit your place of residence, please notify us. Our communication center's CAD program allows us to enter your information to the specific address given and then notifies crews responding of such.

Residents with disabilities can obtain a loaner Knox Box, if they feel the need that in an emergency they wouldn't be able to answer their door.

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, IL.

## **2020 Board of Trustees Meetings:**

September 9	November 11
October 14	December 9

**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.

## **Next Pension Board Meeting:**

November 3, 2020

## **Save the Date for Special Events:**

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.

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

<http://www.northmainefpd.org>

Contact information is listed below.

## **Contact Information:**

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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 taking time out of your busy schedule to read our annual newsletter.

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected our daily operations. In order to protect the health and safety of both our residents and employees, when dealing with the COVID-19 infection, we have implemented strict safety policies and procedures. However, our goals have not changed. We still remain committed to providing quality and cost effective services to our residents.

If you suspect exposure to COVID-19 or showing mild symptoms of the disease, please call your doctor first. For more information, please select the link provided below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Do not hesitate to dial 911 if you are experiencing the following symptoms: **\*This is not a list of all possible symptoms**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion

In 2019, we responded to 3,155 calls for service.

Here is the breakdown:

- 1,900 Medical Related Responses
- 349 Service Related Responses
- 336 Fire Alarm Related Responses
- 560 Aid Responses to Other Agencies
- 10 Structure Fires

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

**- Chief Robert McKay**