



Simple Tips to Make Your Summer Safer

The Gurnee Fire Department, along with the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District, offers you the following simple safety tips. Please take time to talk them over with all members of your family. Have a safe summer!

Barbeque Safety



- Grilling is for grown-ups. Always let adults handle the grill.
- Locate your grill in a safe place away from combustible objects such as buildings or landscaping. Never use your grill on a wood deck.
- Never grill in an enclosed area or use a grill inside. Burning charcoal gives off poisonous gases that can cause injury or death.
- Check the connection on a gas grill between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venture tubes (where the air and gas mix) are not blocked.

For more summer safety tips, see page 3...

Reminder:

Rules Restrict Open Burning

In 2005, the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District adopted the 2003 International Fire Code with Amendments. Section 307 of the Code addresses open burning and recreational fires.

Landscape waste is no longer permitted to be burned on your property. Permits are required for recognized wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or bonfires. (Permit applications are available from the Fire Marshal.)

Recreational fires are permitted providing the pit is no larger than three feet in diameter and two feet in height, or the fire is in a portable fire pit designed for small recreational fires.

Additional safety requirements and restrictions are found in the Recreational Fires Guideline, posted on the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District website at www.wwfpd.com. For questions or to request permits, please contact the Gurnee Fire Marshal at 847-599-6650.

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From the President...

Don't Delay — Call 911!

Whenever you are sick or in distress and need help — dial 911. Your tax dollars have already paid for this service. There is no charge to you out of pocket if you call for an ambulance. The ambulance drivers will help you decide if you should go to the hospital, but the decision is up to you.



If you do need to go to the hospital, ambulance drivers are trained in medical procedures and can help stabilize you immediately before they transport you. They can get to you faster than you can get to the hospital.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting of your Fire District, we meet every other month on the third Wednesday at 7 pm. The meetings are at the fire station on Hunt Club Road, just south of Grand Avenue near the Jewel Osco. The next meeting is May 16.

If you have any questions, call me at 847-219-8500.

John Badtke
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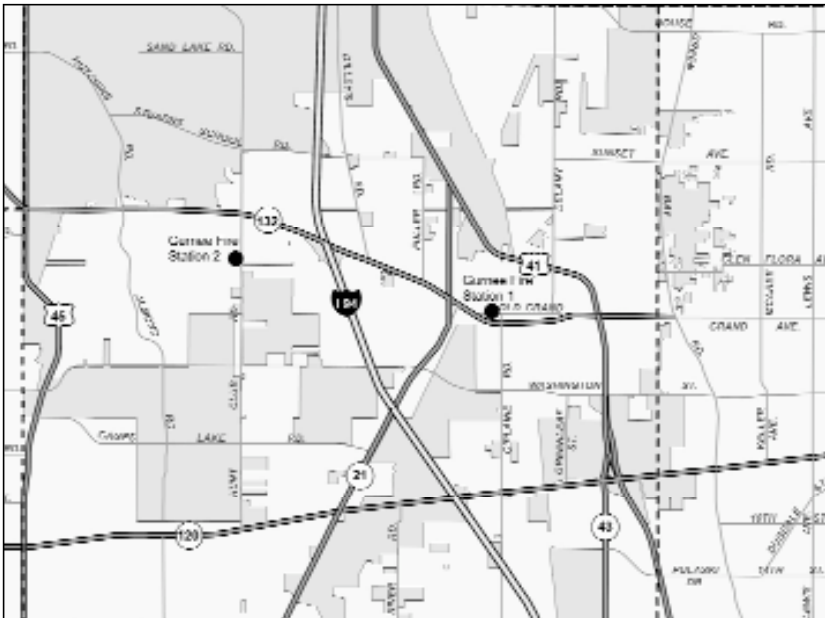


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Map of the District — WWFPD coverage areas in grey.



Calls by Month

January . . .	396
February . . .	399
March	441
April	414
May	431
June	433
July	515
August	461
September . .	413
October	446
November . . .	467
December . . .	472

2006 Calls

WWFPD reports a total of 5288 emergency calls to our District during 2006.

Calls by Type

EMS	3284 . . .	62%
Fire	1515 . . .	29%
Mutual Aid . .	489	9%

What Is WWFPD?

The Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District (WWFPD), along with the Village of Gurnee, make up a 32 square mile area stretching from Waukegan to Route 45. The area includes Gurnee Mills mall and Six Flags Great America.

The WWFPD is responsible for providing fire and ambulance coverage for the unincorporated lands within this area, while the Gurnee Fire Department provides service for the neighborhoods within the Gurnee village limits.

The District provides fire and ambulance coverage by contracting for services with the Gurnee Fire Department. In this way, the Department provides 24-hour fire and rescue services for the entire area, operating out of two stations in Gurnee — 4580 Old Grand Avenue and 6581 Dada Drive.

For information, visit www.wwfpd.com or contact the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District by calling 847-599-6600 or by sending an email to districtboard@wwfpd.com.

Thanks for the Helping Hand

Did you know that families in our district who have been displaced because of fire damage can count on several of our good neighbors for a helping hand?

For residents who need it, several Gurnee hotels will provide a night of free accommodations. Special thanks to **Fairfield Inn** at Gurnee Mills; **Country Inn Suites**, 5420 Grand Avenue; and **Comfort Suites**, 5430 Grand Avenue.

In addition, **KB Toys** has partnered with Gurnee Fire's Public Education Officer Chris Koehn to provide donated gift cards for children who are victims of fire. These cards can help replace a child's special toy that may have been lost in a fire.

Barbeque Safety

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- Supervise children around outdoor grills. Do not play or conduct activities near a grill. Consider making a "No Kid/No Pet Zone" around your grilling area.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Dispose of hot coals properly. Douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.
- Make sure everyone knows to "stop, drop and roll" if clothing catches fire. Call 911 if you need medical help.

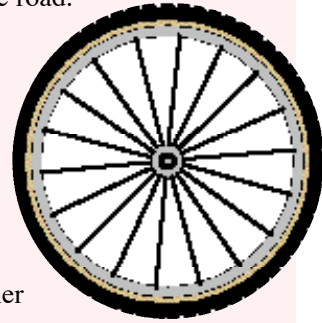
More Safety Information

For more information on keeping your family safe, visit the following websites:

- www.redcross.org — American Red Cross is one of our nation's oldest charities focusing on disaster relief and safety issues.
- www.safekids.org — Safe Kids Worldwide is an international nonprofit group dedicated to preventing childhood accidents.
- www.nsc.org — National Safety Council educates people in order to prevent accidents and injury.

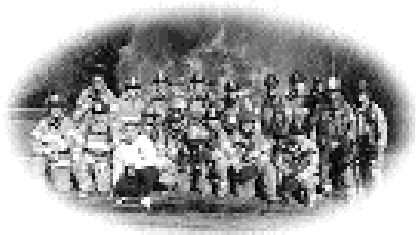
Biking Rules of the Road

- Everyone should always wear a proper fitting helmet! That means adults, too! If the helmet has any signs of damage, replace it immediately.
- Make sure all components of your bike are working properly. Check the tires and chain before each ride.
- Always ride on the right side of the road. Ride *with* traffic, not against it.
- Wear reflective clothing. Use a rear light at night.
- When possible, ride with another person in case of an emergency.
- Don't bike in excessive heat or other inclement conditions.
- Use a water bottle carrier and water to maintain hydration.
- Keep your eyes on the road. Don't get distracted.



Safe Swimming

- Use the buddy system. Never swim alone — no matter how experienced you are as a swimmer.
- Children in and around the water should be under the constant supervision of an adult.
- Teach every child how to swim. But do not rely solely on swimming lessons to protect a child from drowning.
- Horseplay should never be conducted in or around a pool.
- Make sure every child wears an approved, properly fitting life jacket when on a boat or near water. Air-filled swimming aids such as "water wings" are not safe substitutes for life jackets.
- Swim in approved designated areas. Always check the water depth before swimming or diving. When swimming in large bodies of water, check for current and under-tow.
- Wear sunscreen at all times, even when it's cloudy. Wear hats and sunglasses for protection from the sun's rays.
- Keep track of weather. If there's a chance of bad weather, leave the swimming area immediately.



**Warren-Waukegan
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Do You Have Your Carbon Monoxide Detector?

Beginning January 1 of this year, all Illinois homes are required to have a working carbon monoxide detector located within 15 feet of sleeping areas.



Carbon monoxide alarms are designed to detect carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless, odorless and very toxic gas. Most carbon monoxide alarms look similar to smoke detectors, and are readily available at most home improvement and hardware stores. Manufacturers even make combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, which are approved under the new law. Since you can't see, smell or taste CO, your detector is an important line of defense in keeping your home safe.

If you think you may have a carbon monoxide problem, get out of the area and call 911. Firefighters are equipped with devices designed to read carbon monoxide levels. Remember, if you think you have a problem, don't take any risks. Call 911 right away.