



## Reminder:

# Rules Restrict Open Burning

As we head into spring, we also get back out into our yards and properties. As you handle your spring clean-up and landscape efforts, please remember that the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District has adopted the same rules as our surrounding areas and now restricts open burning.

As background, 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.

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 fuel 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. In either case, it is important that fires be monitored at all times.

Additional safety recommendations are found in the Recreational Fires Guideline, posted on the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District website at [www.wwfpd.com](http://www.wwfpd.com). For questions or to request permits, please contact the Gurnee Fire Marshal at 847-599-6650.

### A Word About Landscape Waste Burning Variances...

Recently, concerns have been raised regarding individuals who own large parcels no longer having the ability to burn diseased trees located on their property. As a result, the fire burning ordinance has been amended to allow individual property owners who meet the criteria for burning landscape waste to obtain a landscape waste burning permit from the Fire Marshal. Guidelines similar to those for open burning must be met prior to issuance of the permit. This variance applies to parcels greater than two acres in size and allows the burning of landscape waste generated on the property. For information, contact the Fire Marshal at 847-599-6650.



## Knox Box Offers Rapid Emergency Entry

The Gurnee Fire Department has developed a knox box program to aid handicapped residents, including those living within the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District. Knox boxes are secure boxes that hold a key to a resident's home. Knox boxes provide emergency responders with quick entry, even when the homeowner is unable to answer the door.

If you have a long- or short-term disability and would like more information about the knox box program, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-599-6650.

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By the numbers...

# Summary of 2007 WWFPD Emergency Calls

The Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District provides emergency service to our area through a partnership with the Gurnee Fire Department. Gurnee Fire Chief Fred Friedl reports that calls within the WWFPD increased slightly over the previous year, which is to be expected as the area continues to grow in population. Chief Friedl provides the following summary of services provided to the WWFPD during 2007.

## 2007 Calls

Total number of emergency calls: 5636

### Number of calls by type:

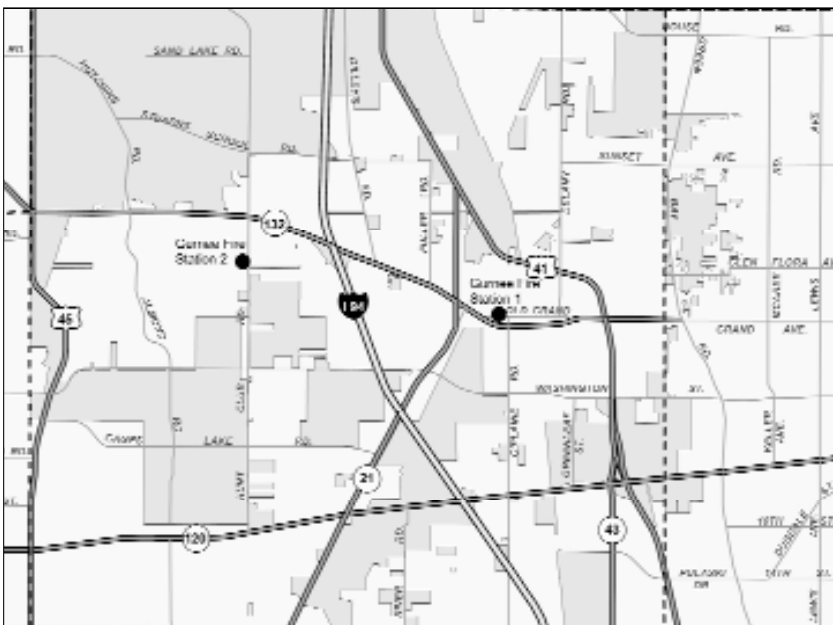
EMS	3482	.62%
Fire	2154	.38%

### Number of calls by station:

Station #1	3355	.60%
Station #2	2281	.40%



**Map of the District** — WWFPD coverage areas appear in grey.



## 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 ambulance and fire coverage for the unincorporated lands within this area, while the Gurnee Fire Department provides service for the neighborhoods within Gurnee village limits.

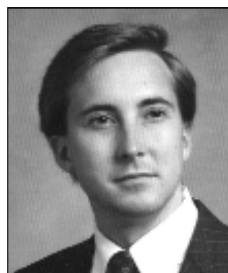
The District provides fire and ambulance coverage by contracting for services with the Gurnee Fire Department. In this way, the Department provides 24-hour fire and rescue services for the entire area, operating out of two stations in Gurnee — 4580 Old Grand Avenue and 6581 Dada Drive.

For information, visit [www.wwfpd.com](http://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](mailto:districtboard@wwfpd.com).

### WWFPD Board of Trustees



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### Board Meetings

The WWFPD Board of Trustees meets on the third Wednesday evening of every other month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gurnee Fire Department Fire Station #2, 6581 Dada Dr., Gurnee, at the corner of Hunt Club and Dada Roads.

Meetings for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year are scheduled for May 21, July 23, September 17, November 19, January 21 and March 18. Information is available at [www.wwfpd.com/schedule](http://www.wwfpd.com/schedule).

# A Message from the President...

We are proud to send you our bi-annual newsletter. I hope that you find it informative and helpful.

We want to take this opportunity to let you know that we have successfully signed a new three-year contract with the Village of Gurnee to allow us to continue to utilize the services of the Gurnee Fire Department for your safety and security. Led by Fire Chief Fred Friedl, the Gurnee Fire Department has served us well throughout the years and continues to be a first class department.

Also, on November 16, 2005 the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District adopted the 2003 International Fire Code, which matches the Fire Code adopted by the Village of Gurnee. The Fire Code prevents open burning of any material that disturbs the public. We have received a lot of feedback from residents who would like to burn large amounts of yard waste, so on October 3, 2007, we passed an amendment allowing this on lots two acres or greater in size and only after the resident receives a burning permit from the Fire Marshall. (*See page 1.*)

I welcome any feedback on these actions by the Fire Protection District or on any matter that you would like to bring to our attention.

Martin I Klauber, President  
Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District

## Safety Resources

- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) — American Red Cross is one of our nation's oldest charities focusing on disaster relief and safety issues.
- [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) — Provides information from the US Department of Homeland Security.
- [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org) — Safe Kids Worldwide is an international nonprofit group dedicated to preventing childhood accidents.
- [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) — National Safety Council educates people in order to prevent accidents and injury.

## Hats Off to Our Partners

WWFPD and the Gurnee Fire Department are grateful for our partnerships with several local organizations, who are always ready to step up should residents need a helping hand due to fire loss. 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. Thank you!

## Safety Tips

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

**1 Wear a helmet when you bike** — every one, every time. The same is true for scooters, skateboards, unicycles and anything else you can wheel around!

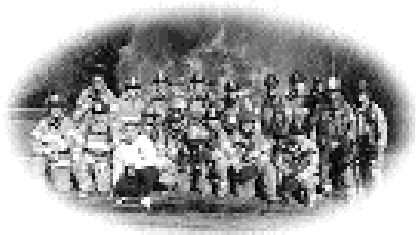
**2 Make an emergency plan.** In the case of fire, know the various ways to get out of your house and where you should meet — for instance, at the mailbox or in a neighbor's driveway. In the case of severe weather, know where to take shelter in your house, generally a lower level in an interior room away from windows.

**3 Learn to swim.** Check with the YMCA, Park District or local school for lessons.

**4 Keep a clear zone around your outdoor grill or fire pit.** Keep kids and pets out of a three-foot area around your barbecue when you're cooking. Only adults should cook on the grill or tend the fire pit.

**5 Install smoke detectors and CO alarms** — and test the batteries each month. (Note that Illinois law requires working detectors.)

**6 Know how to dial 9-1-1 for help in an emergency.** If you have to think about whether or not to call for help, then just do it.



**Warren-Waukegan  
Fire Protection District**

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***Are You C.E.R.T. Material?  
Community Emergency Response  
Team Trains for Service***

The Gurnee Fire Department has developed a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) to address our area's need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. These volunteer team members will swing into action should there ever be a large-scale disaster that proves overwhelming to conventional emergency services. CERT members will be trained so that they can assist our area with the goal of becoming self-sufficient for the first 48 hours after a major disaster situation.



Qualified civilians will train over six three-hour sessions on such topics as personal disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, fire chemistry, search techniques, emergency medical triage, evacuation and more. Training is free. To qualify, applicants must live, own a business or work in the Village of Gurnee or the WWFPD, be at least 18 years of age, supply a brief medical background, and complete a background and driver's license check.

Interested individuals should visit the Gurnee Fire Department website at [www.gurnee.il.us/fire](http://www.gurnee.il.us/fire), or call the station at 847-599-6600.