



Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries... And Maybe Your Whole Alarm!

Did you know that more than 77 million smoke alarms in America are outdated? That's one out of every three alarms!

Experts strongly recommend that **if your smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, you should replace it** to ensure that it is ready to protect you and your family in an emergency.

Illinois also requires homes to be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors, which look similar to smoke alarms. In some models, the two alarms are combined into a relatively inexpensive, easily installed unit.

At the minimum, both types of detectors should be available on every floor of the home, and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. Units should be tested regularly, and batteries replaced at least twice per year, when you change your clocks.



Is it time for a new detector?

For more information, call Gurnee Fire at 847-599-6603 or send an email to smokedetectors@fire.gurnee.il.us.

Reminder:

Some Burning Requires a Permit

In 2005, the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District began following the same rules that restrict open burning as our neighboring communities when we adopted the 2003 International Fire Code with Amendments. (Section 307 of the Code addresses open burning and recreational fires.)

Landscape waste burn permits are available for residents living on lots 2 acres or greater in size. Those permits are available through the Fire Marshal by calling 847-599-6650. Permits are also required and available for recognized wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or bonfires.

When it comes to firepits and outdoor fireplaces, 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, fires should be monitored at all times.

For more information or to request a permit, please contact the Gurnee Fire Marshal at 847-599-6650.

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Free Ambulance Service for WWFPD Residents

Whenever you are sick or in distress and need help — dial 911. There is no need to worry about the cost because your tax dollars have already paid for this service. There is no out-of-pocket charge to you if you call for an ambulance. The paramedics who respond are there to help you — and they can also help you decide if you should go on to the hospital. (But keep in mind that ultimately, that decision is up to you.)

If you do need to go to the hospital, emergency personnel are trained in medical procedures and can

help stabilize you immediately before they transport you. They can also get you where you're going much faster than you can get to the hospital on your own.

Please don't ever hesitate to call 911 in an emergency. Our emergency personnel are trained to help you in all sorts of emergency situations. Don't delay — call 911!



If you think you may need medical help, call 911 right away!

Worthy of Note...

Warren Student Wins Lake County Fire Chiefs YouTube Video Contest

Congratulations to **Mathurshan Vimalasvaran**, who earned the top prize in the Lake County Fire Chiefs YouTube Video Contest. Mathurshan, who is a freshman at Warren High School, created a multi-media message designed to teach people about fire safety and burn prevention. Students around Lake County were eligible to participate in the contest, which offered prizes including digital video cameras and shopping spree gift cards. Mathurshan's video is posted on the Gurnee Fire website, which is linked on our website at www.wwfpd.com.

Sign Up for CPR Classes!

Do you know the proper way to provide CPR? Did you know that the CPR technique you may have learned a few years ago has changed? Now is a great time to learn (or re-learn) CPR so that you can be ready to offer assistance. CPR classes are provided through our partnership with the Gurnee Fire Department, and are scheduled throughout the year. To learn more, call 847-599-6600.

Thank You to Our Local 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 Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District offers you a few simple summer safety tips. Please take time to talk them over with all members of your family. Stay safe!

1 Wear a helmet. Whether you're biking, scootering, rip-sticking, skateboarding, rollerblading, or whatever. Grownups, too!

2 Swim with a buddy. And if you haven't learned to swim, check with the local YMCA or park district for lessons.

3 Be alert for lightning. Don't take chances, especially if you hear a lightning siren sound. Head for safe cover whenever weather is threatening.

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

Check Out These Safety Resources

The WWFPD website — www.wwfpd.com — offers lots of information designed to help keep you and your family safe. Please for a variety of helpful links. Check out these informative websites:

- www.www.state.il.us/kids/fire — The Illinois State Fire Marshal offers this child-friendly site to help kids learn how to be “firesafe.”
- www.weather.com/ready — The Weather Channel’s WeatherReady website offers checklists and planning tips for severe weather situations.
- www.cdc.gov — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers searchable information on a variety of health and safety topics.
- www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety — The National Severe Storms Laboratory offers safety suggestions on flash floods, lightning and more.
- www.safekids.org — Safe Kids Worldwide is an international nonprofit group dedicated to preventing childhood accidents.

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

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.

Looking ahead, the Board’s next meetings are scheduled for May 20, July 15, September 16 and November 18. More information is available at www.wwfpd.com/schedule.html.

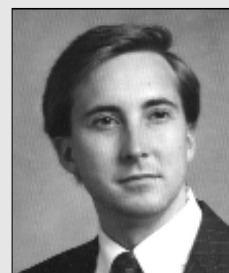
Map of the District — WWFPD coverage areas appear in grey.



WWFPD Board of Trustees



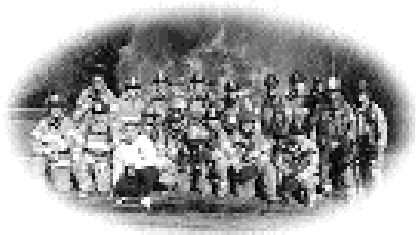
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FREE Fire Safety Expo is May 16 at Gurnee Mills

The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association invites you and your family to the annual Fire Safety Expo on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event will be held in Gurnee Mills Parking Lot B, near Sears Grand.

The schedule offers lots of things to see and do — including children's activities, fire apparatus tours, give-aways, raffle prizes and more. You might win a Visa gift card to Gurnee Mills, a family pack of Great America tickets, a Key Lime Cove get away, or tickets to the Schaumburg Flyers baseball opener. All raffle proceeds benefit Lake County Fire Safety Programs.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., departments around the area will join to salute lost colleagues during the Fallen Fire Fighter Ceremony, *(Photo at right shows the fire fighter honor guard from a previous ceremony.)*

