



Minooka Fire Protection District



The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education, and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.

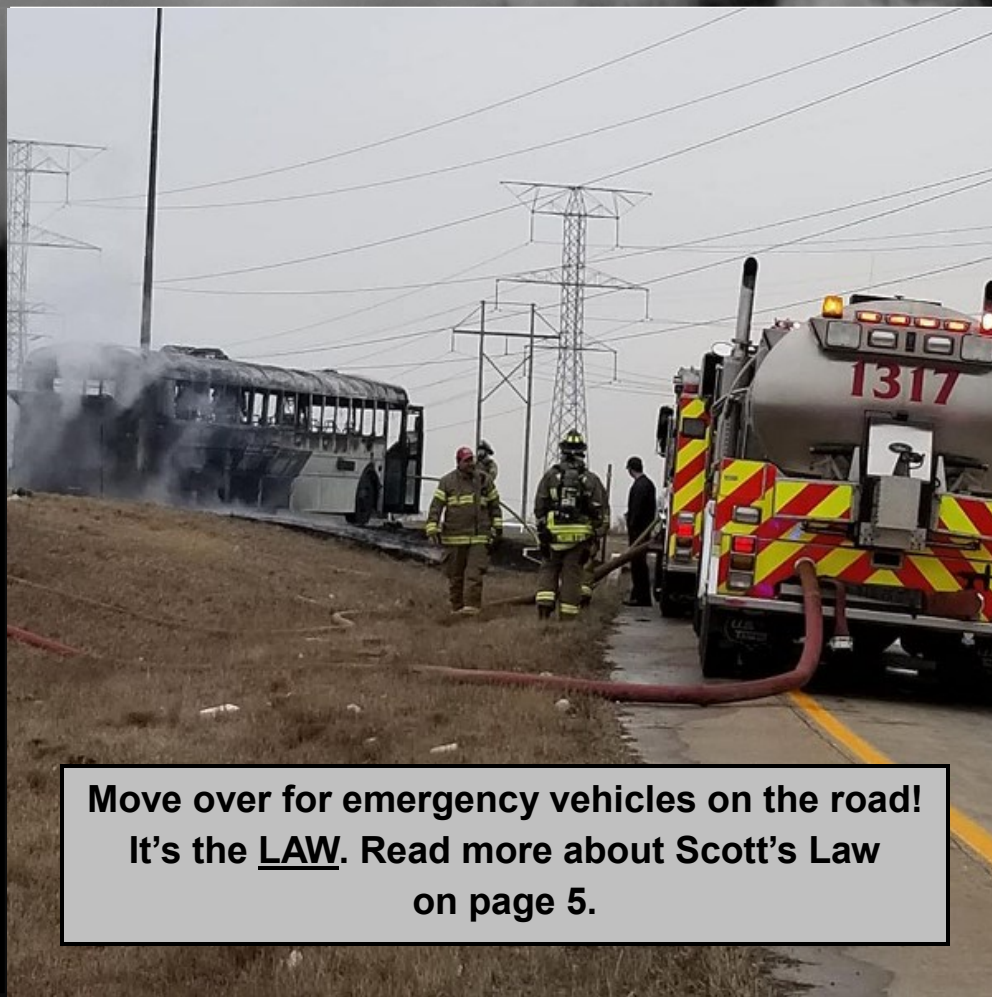
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Smoke Signals



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**Move over for emergency vehicles on the road!
It's the LAW. Read more about Scott's Law
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MINOOKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Congratulations to our dedicated employees who are celebrating their service years in
March, April, and May 2019!



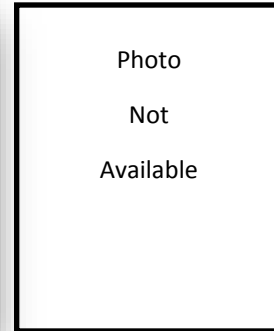
Trustee
Angie Robinson
26 Years



Trustee
Ray Underhill
15 Years



Trustee
Dave Clark
6 Years



Trustee
Jason Baron
1 Year



Admin. Assistant
Brandy Malone
1 Year



Lieutenant
Kyle Symons
11 Years



Firefighter/Medic
Alex Lindgren
7 Years



Firefighter/Medic
John Medlin
3 Years



Firefighter/Medic
Louis Vicelli
3 Years



Deputy Chief
William Collins
40 Years



Trustee
Dan Roberts
30 Years



Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

Before you start your spring cleaning, the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) advises you to take additional precautions when clearing out cupboards, closets, basements and garages. Spending a few extra minutes to correct any potential poisoning hazards in your home could prevent serious harm — even death — for a family member, neighbor or pet.

To protect your family from an accidental poisoning exposure during your spring clean-up, the IPC offers the following tips for poison-proofing your home:

- Always read the product label first and use the product according to the label directions on all cleaning products.
- Keep all cleaning products in their original containers with original labels. Many poisoning incidents happen when a chemical is moved into containers that kids recognize, such as a water bottle or a Gatorade bottle.
- Store cleaning products out of sight, in locked cabinets.
- Keep all household cleaning products and other poisonous products separated from food products.
- Never leave a cleaning product open and unattended.
- When using cleaning products, work in well-ventilated areas.
- Dispose of cleaning products according to the product label or at your community chemical waste drop-off site.
- Never combine chemicals together, especially if they contain bleach or other chlorine-active compounds (sodium hypochlorite). If bleach is mixed with ammonia or ammonium-based products, it will release a noxious gas called chloramine. If bleach is mixed with an acid-based product, such as a toilet bowl cleaner or lime remover, it will release chlorine gas. These types of poisonings often occur in the bathroom, in part, because many bathroom cleaners are acid-based.

Because of their curious nature, children frequently come in contact with household cleaning products. Keeping the IPC phone number (**1-800-222-1222**) on all your phones will ensure you don't waste precious seconds when dealing with a poisoning emergency.



When cleaning, keep these other safety tips in mind:

- Be safe while on ladders and step stools.
- Be careful when walking on wet surfaces.
- Don't carry too much stuff at once, especially on stairs.
- Wear a mask when cleaning dusty areas.
- Do not leave buckets filled with water around your home.
- Put away all your cleaning supplies when you are done.



FIRE



PREVENTION BUREAU



Fire Inspector Rodney Bradberry

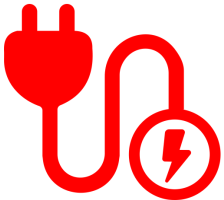
Annual inspections are performed by the fire department to assess and mitigate potential fire and life safety hazards in buildings. Most fire departments provide a written report of any corrections that are necessary. These inspections vary in type and frequency, depending on the jurisdiction, city, and state.

While many people look at the fire and life safety inspection process negatively, these inspections benefit the building/business owners, as well as those who use the building, by offering:

- **A safer working environment for employees.**
- **A safer building for unfamiliar occupants (visitors, shoppers, clients, etc.).**
- **Business and job security.** Up to 80 percent of all small businesses that experience a large fire never reopen; this not only affects the building/business owner, but also results in the loss of jobs. Of the businesses that do reopen, many lose much of their customer base due to prolonged absence of production or service.
- **A better-maintained building for improved resale value.** It is commonplace for buyers to hire a company to inspect the building prior to purchase to identify potential hidden costs related to fire and life safety.
- **A possible reduction in insurance premiums.** Some items may be required by both the fire department and your insurance carrier, such as annual fire-sprinkler and fire-alarm inspections verifying proper system maintenance. Many insurance carriers give businesses premium reductions for properly installed and maintained fire-protection systems.

Common Fire Code Violations Found in Businesses

Extension Cords:



Perhaps the biggest code violation of all is the use of extension cords. These can only be used on a temporary basis and must not be installed for permanent use.

Extension cords must not be connected into each other and should never be attached to permanent fixtures or pass through holes in walls.

Illumination:

A standard sign is no longer sufficient as a means of highlighting emergency exit points. **All exit lights should be illuminated** and placed in positions where they are easy to notice should an emergency occur.



Fire Extinguishers:



Fire extinguishers are designed to help put out small fires. **All fire extinguishers in a building or place of work should be regularly refilled and maintained by certified agents.** Even the single use of a water fire extinguisher will require its replenishment.



SCOTT'S LAW

Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

As of January 1, 2017, the Move Over Law now applies to all vehicles that display flashing emergency lights, including commercial trucks and cars; the law is no longer limited to authorized emergency vehicles — i.e. police cruisers, ambulances, and fire trucks.

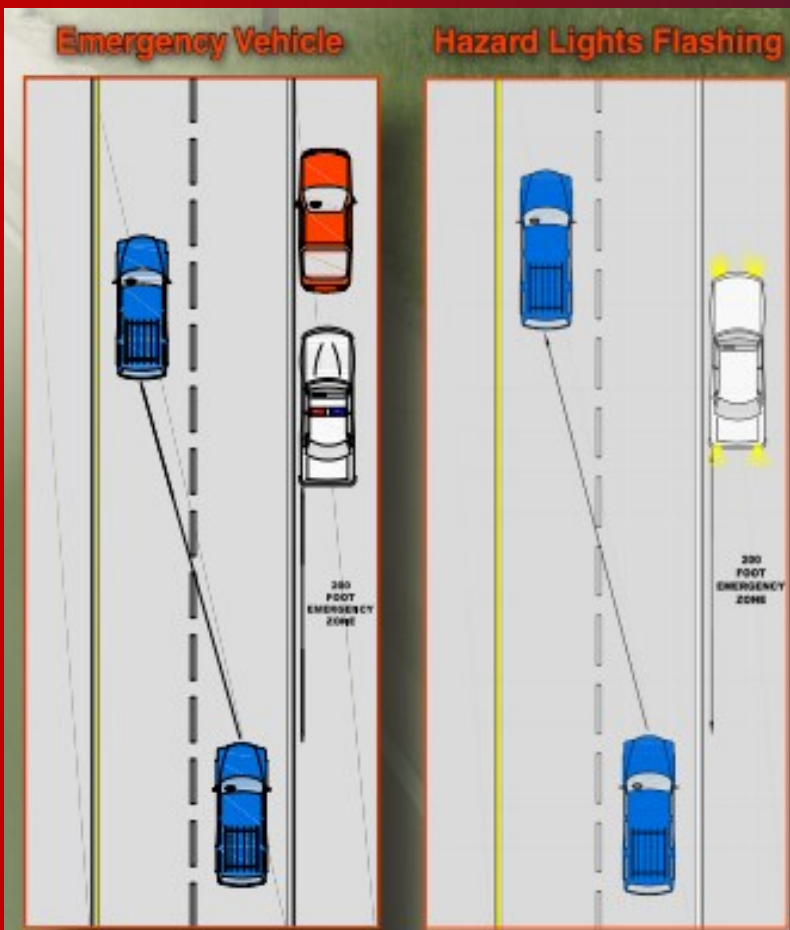
If it's flashing – MOVE OVER!

You must:

- Reduce your speed
- Change lanes if possible
- Proceed with due caution

An authorized emergency vehicle, under Scott's Law, includes ANY vehicle authorized by law to be equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights under Section 12-215 of this Code, while the owner or operator of the vehicle is engaged in his or her official duties.

Scott's Law, 625 ILCS 5/11- 907(c), mandates that upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, blue, or red and blue lights or amber or yellow warning lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:





Homeowners Insurance Savings – Just a phone call away

The Minooka Fire Protection District improved our public protection classification; what does that mean for homeowners? The improved ISO Classification went into effect February 1, 2019. Many insurance companies will not automatically adjust your classification mid-term of your policy, you will need to call.

Contact your homeowner insurance company and tell them the Minooka Fire Protection District classification improved effective February 1, 2019 and you want to make sure they reflect the new rating on your policy, for any savings that would occur. The savings will be different from home to home depending on the company and other circumstances surrounding your policy, etc. The Fire District has no control over the formula the various companies use. Another factor is that while a majority of insurance companies use the ISO Public Protection Classification System as a factor on homeowner insurance, unfortunately not all of them use the program.

We have been told that there are homeowners that have called and already received refunds of various amounts due to the improved rating. You definitely want to make sure that if your policy is renewing that your insurance company knows about the improved protection classification. Don't assume the improved classification was considered, make the call.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

May
4

Health Care Provider CPR Class
8am Channahon Fire Dist.

June
13-15

Minooka Summer Fest
Downtown

June
7

Safe Sitter Babysitting Class
8a-3p Channahon Fire Dist.

June
14

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You can register online for any of the Minooka classes.
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to register: www.channahonfire.com



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