



On The Scene

Plainfield Fire Protection District

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MISSION STATEMENT

THE PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE BY SAVING LIVES AND PROTECTING PROPERTY THROUGH EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREVENTION.

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The CPSC issues recalls for products that can cause fires, injuries and deaths. Please visit their web site at www.cpsc.gov/en/ to stay up to date on various product recalls and for additional safety information.

From the Chief



David S. Riddle, Chief

As we all welcome the move from winter into a short spring we have a number of things to talk about. School is out and we implore you to be safe while driving. Please put the phone down, your phone call or text can wait. We have begun work updating our current website and know that you'll like the changes. We look forward to you making this a regular stop along your daily "surfing" route after we get it completed. Important links, safety tips and other germane information will be included and updated regularly. We can still be found at www.plainfieldfpd.com.

I know it may be a little early but make plans now to attend our annual Fire Prevention Week Open house scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd from noon-3pm. This year's theme is "**Hear the Beep Where You Sleep**;" every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm! Fire Prevention Week open house, held at our fire station 2 on 135th Street, east of Rt. 59 should prove to be another great opportunity to see what your fire district is doing for you. We had over 500 in attendance last year and hope to increase that number this year.

You may notice a lot of activity around our headquarters campus on 135th Street too. We are in the early stages of constructing two training facilities; one in which live-burns may be conducted and the other for more technical rescue training. These buildings have been a part of our strategic plan and are now coming to fruition.

We're also installing flashing emergency warning lights near all four of our current fire stations to warn motorists when our apparatus are exiting the stations on emergency responses. These solar powered units have been substantially funded by a grant from our insurance company and we look forward to their completion by the end of July.

We have also developed a "customer" survey form that we should begin distributing by the time you read this. The survey form is another effort to help ensure that the delivery of our services is what you expect. If our performance and service is not up to your expectations, we want to know. We also enjoy hearing what we do well for you but are very concerned when we don't. We are here to serve YOU. Please help us by providing your frank comments as we move ahead.

Remember safety while swimming and fire prevention as you enjoy a barbeque. Enjoy the summer safely and all the fun outdoor activities the warm weather brings with it.

Be careful out there....
David S. Riddle, Chief

Juvenile Fire Setting



During the summer of 2014 the Plainfield Fire Protection District responded to 17 arson fires set by juveniles. Locally the most common types of fires set by juveniles involve dumpsters, garbage cans, porta potties, playground equipment, cars, stuffed animals and grass fires. Juvenile fire setting is not unique to our area and nationwide arson fires started by juveniles increase in the spring and summer months. Nationally, half of the people arrested for arson are under the age of 18 per the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI. Parents can be held legally and financially responsible for damages caused by their child's fire setting and in some cases juveniles can be charged as adults.

The University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center states that many youth mistakenly (Continued on page 2)

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The most common reasons for juvenile fire setting include: curiosity, boredom, experimentation and peer pressure. Some indications that your child or teen may be misusing fire include finding lighters, matches or fireworks in their room or belongings. Noticing that lighters and/or matches or aerosol sprays within your home are missing or are not where they were left or where they should be located. Finding lighters or matches in the garbage or yard. The smell of smoke or that something is burning for no known cause. Finding scorch marks, burns or melted areas in floors, carpets, toys, clothing, furniture, papers, waste baskets, in closets or outdoor areas. The smell of accelerants such as gasoline, kerosene or alcohol based gels on their clothing or in areas where they have been playing or hanging out. Additional indicators include possession of unusual items, or remnants of unusual items, like toilet bowl cleaner, aluminum foil, plastic pop bottles, candle wicks, gunpowder, CO₂ cartridges. Also be aware of videos and pictures of fire misuse on their cell phone, computer or social media accounts.

Please make sure children understand what the proper uses of fire are, for example: cooking, heating your home, hot water, etc. Children also need to understand that lighters and matches are tools for adults and not toys. Locate lighters and matches high, out of children’s sight and reach, in a secure cabinet. Keep in mind that children learn from observation so always set a good example by using lighters and matches in a responsible and safe way.

If your child or teen is misusing fire it is important that you get help through a Youth Fire Setting Intervention Program. You may contact Plainfield Fire Protection District, Juvenile Fire Setter Interventionist, Ryan Angelus at 815-436-5335 ext. 7388. The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance also has a Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program, please call them at 847-390-0911 for a referral to a certified Juvenile Fire Setter Interventionist or visit their web site at www.ifsaa.org/jfsip. For additional information about juvenile fire setting or burn prevention please also check the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center web site at www.traumaburn.org.



Board of Trustees

The Plainfield Fire Protection District is governed by an elected board of 5 Trustees. With the results of the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election we welcomed newly elected Trustees Tom Paul and Mark Reynolds. Trustees Tom Paul and Mark Reynolds were sworn in on May 19th. Trustee Denny Bennett attended his final board meeting on May 12th where a reception was held thanking him for 8 years of service on the Fire District Board of Trustees.



Pictured from left to right: Trustee Denny Bennett at his reception on May 12th. Trustees Tom Paul and Mark Reynolds congratulating each other after being sworn in with Trustee Bill Barnes applauding. Trustee Tom Paul. Trustee Mark Reynolds.

Beat the Heat, Check the Back Seat!



A car interior heats up rapidly with the windows closed or cracked open. On a 70°F day the interior of a parked car can reach 120°F within minutes and 150°F within an hour. Every year children and pets die from heatstroke when left inside a parked vehicle. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle or allow children to play in a parked vehicle; keep your keys out of children’s reach. If you see a child or pet unattended in a hot vehicle, call 9-1-1 immediately! If your child is missing always check your pool first and then your cars, including trunks. Make sure everyone leaves a car when unloading. Keep a stuffed animal in the front seat when your child is in the car as a reminder or put your work bag in the back seat so you’ll see your child before leaving the car. **Beat the heat by always checking the back seat before you leave your car!**

If you need help changing a smoke alarm or CO detector battery call us at 815-436-5335.

Plainfield Fire Profiles: Paramedic Roy Doden



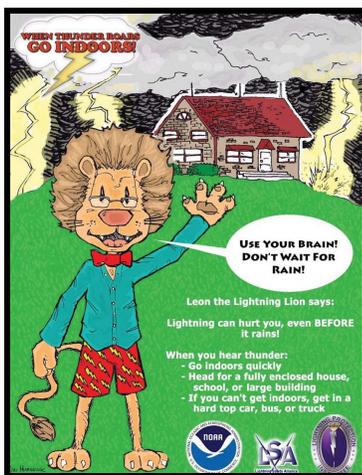
Paramedic Roy Doden began his career with the Plainfield Fire Protection District in 1989. When he was in high school Roy took a first aid and CPR class. After high school he took a class to become an Emergency Medical Technician. Roy realized he could do more to help people if he became a Paramedic so he attended Paramedic school at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove in 1988. Roy was working the day of the Plainfield tornado and cites that as one of his most memorable days on the job along with delivering a baby at a patients house and the floods in 1996. In 2007 Roy became a Registered Nurse after graduating from the Nursing Program at Joliet Junior College. Roy believes in higher education because it provides him with the knowledge and ability needed to provide the best care possible to his patients. Currently Roy is working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Indiana University. After obtaining his Bachelor's Degree Roy plans to work on a Master's Degree to become specialized as a Nurse Practitioner. When he is not working or studying he enjoys cooking, golfing and walking his dog. Roy grew up in Marseilles and now lives in Joliet and has one son.

Act FAST for a Stroke



A stroke is when a blockage prevents blood from getting to the brain or when a blood vessel in or near the brain bursts. A stroke can happen at any age. Do you know how to recognize a stroke? Remember the acronym **FAST**, **F**ace, **A**rm & **L**eg, **S**peech and **T**ime. **F**ace: ask the person to smile, do you notice an uneven smile, is there facial droop? Is the person experiencing facial numbness and/or vision disturbances? They may have a severe headache with vomiting and/or dizziness. **A**rm & leg: can the person raise both arms equally? Are they experiencing weakness, numbness and/or difficulty walking? **S**peech: have the person repeat a simple phrase, is speech slurred or are inappropriate words being used? In some cases the person may not be able to speak at all. **T**ime is critical, **call 9-1-1 immediately** if any of the above warning signs are present! Emergency medical attention for a stroke is critical to help prevent disability and death.

Fire and Life Safety for Kids



Summertime is a great time to get outdoors and play sports, go swimming and have fun. Summertime also has thunderstorms with lightning. To be safe from lightning always remember "when thunder roars, go indoors!" Wait at least 30 minutes after a thunderstorm before going back outside. Too much rain can cause floods. Never play or swim in flood water, the water will be flowing to storm drains and could pull you towards the drain. When you go swimming always follow the safety rules. When swimming in a lake only go in the water where swimming is allowed. Make sure an adult is with you and never swim alone.



It is against the law and dangerous to play or hang out on train tracks. When crossing train tracks, listen for warning bells and train whistles, and look both ways before crossing the tracks. Always walk your bike, scooter or skateboard across train tracks. For more information and fun games please visit www.cn.ca/layouts/CN/Obie/01/en.htm where you can learn more from Obie the Locomotive!



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Lightning Awareness Week, June 21 - 27, 2015
When thunder roars, go indoors!

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, 2015
Leave the fireworks show to the professionals.

Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 19, 2015 from 1:30 pm to 6 pm
PFPD Headquarters, 23748 W. 135th Street

Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2015

Patriot Day, Friday, September 11, 2015

Fire Prevention Week Open House
Saturday, October 3, 2015 from noon to 3 pm
Fire Station 2, 23806 W. 135th Street

Plainfield Firefighter's Women's Association Craft Show
Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9 am to 3 pm
PFPD Headquarters, 23748 W. 135th Street

Open House!

**Saturday,
October 3rd
noon to 3 pm**

**Fire Station Two
23806 W. 135th St.**

**Please join us in
celebration of
Fire Prevention
Week!**

**We will have
displays,
demonstrations,
a free raffle
and free hot dogs.**



Hear the **BEEP**
★ where you **SLEEP** ★



**EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A
WORKING SMOKE ALARM.**

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