



Village of Skokie

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Village of Skokie Emergency Communications Systems

During emergencies the importance of communications systems becomes clear. Depending on the emergency, some of the communications systems may be temporarily unavailable. To address this concern the Village has developed multiple communication avenues. The following tools are available for residents as ways to communicate Village information during emergencies:

1660 AM Skokie Radio: The Village of Skokie launched an advisory radio station in 2009, which assists in communicating up-to-date information to the community during an emergency. During times of non-emergency, the radio station plays emergency preparedness information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

www.skokie.org: During a municipal emergency, residents are encouraged to visit www.skokie.org. The site is frequently updated and serves as a valuable reference guide during municipal emergencies.

SkokieNews: Subscribers to this electronic newsletter will receive updated information during an emergency.

SkokieVision Cable: The municipal cable station provides both video and text information relating to the emergency and, when necessary, instructions on where to obtain further information.

Emergency Override: During a municipal emergency the Police Department can override programming on Comcast cable channels and place a written crawl on all RCN channels. The override is used to distribute a brief message during an emergency. It is typically used to signal the start and conclusion of alternate-side parking during snow emergencies.

CodeRED Emergency Telephone Notification System: The Village's high-speed telephone dialing system is designed to deliver a recorded emergency telephone message to Skokie residences and businesses. The system is flexible enough to target only certain households or it will dial the entire community over a several-hour period.

Outdoor Warning System: Warning systems are strategically placed throughout the community. The warning sirens are used most commonly to signal the start of the snow emergency alternate-side parking program but can be used to alert the residents of a tornado or other emergency situations. After a warning siren sounds please visit www.Skokie.org or tune into 1660 AM Skokie Radio for details on the emergency.

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Awards and Distinctions

All America City Finalist

American Public Works Association
(APWA) Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation for
Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Commission on Fire Accreditation
International (CFAI)

Fitch IBCA AAA Financial
Bond Rating

Gold Level Clean Air Counts
Community

Governor's Hometown Award

Government Finance Officers
Association Budget Award

Government Finance Officers
Association Certificate of
Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting

Insurance Services Office (ISO)
Class One Fire Department

State of Illinois Certified Health
Department

Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

It is also recommended that every home have an emergency preparedness kit. Some items to include are the following:

- Water, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Moist towelettes or hand sanitizer, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

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