

Keep Informed During Emergencies

Skokie Fire Department

Communicating During an Emergency

During emergencies the importance of communications systems becomes clear. The Village has an extensive network of communication avenues to employ during an emergency. Depending on the emergency some of the communication systems may temporarily be unavailable. To address this concern the Village has developed multiple communication avenues.

The following available tools are available for emergency communications:

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 updates during an emergency. Residents are encouraged to subscribe to SkokieNews by visiting the web site.

SkokieVision Cable TV

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.

Emergency Telephone Notification System (CODE RED)

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-day 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 situation. After a warning siren sounds please visit www.Skokie.org or tune into SkokieVision cable for details on the emergency.

Radio, Broadcast and Print Releases

During an emergency the Village keeps radio, broadcast and print media regularly informed through press releases. The releases are also available at www.skokie.org.