

Grant supports Tinley Park emergency management programs

The Village of Tinley Park's emergency management programs will benefit from a \$27,544.76 grant recently awarded by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

This year's amount received by the Tinley Park Emergency Management Agency is approximately \$10,000 more than last year's award. The Emergency Management Performance Grants are funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are issued annually by the state's agency.

"It is vitally important to maintain a strong local emergency management program, because every disaster begins as a local emergency," said Trustee Brian Maher, chairman of the Village Board's Public Safety Committee. "This grant will be very helpful in maintaining and enhancing the day-to-day operations of our EMA."

Mayor Ed Zabrocki said the grant is welcome support, particularly as municipalities face difficult economic times.

"We are grateful for the assistance from our state and federal agencies, which helps to ensure that we are fully prepared in the event of an emergency," he said.