



## Seeking Members for the Fire Corps

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 7 – 8 p.m. at Fire Station 46 (17355 68<sup>th</sup> Court). For more information or to register, contact [dberan@tinleypark.org](mailto:dberan@tinleypark.org) or call 708-444-5200.

### **Fire Corps – by Ed Bara**

With the inception of the Fire Corps in 2015, the TPFD has created a number of opportunities to serve both the department and the community. The members of the Corps are given a working knowledge of the department's organization and the suppression and prevention programs. This information helps the Corps provide information to the public. The Corps also assist in many non-emergency activities.

The benefits of being a member of the Fire Corps include CPR training and numerous opportunities to serve the department and the community.

Helping in non-emergency events, the Fire Corps works with the firefighters and the department to educate the community. I have assisted with fire extinguisher training, travelling to various sites and helping to run the demonstration. In addition to this, I have assisted the department in numerous functions, the 5K Run for Your Life Safety for Camp I Am Me, the Night Out Against Crime and the popular Open House in October. There are multiple other activities and functions where the Fire Corps serves the department and the community.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, the TPFD Fire Corps offers multiple options. You will work alongside the highly trained and professional fire department and the helpful administrative staff. The multiple opportunities and benefits are numerous. We assist at the Fire Prevention Employee Picnic, the Fire Department Poster Banquet, the Open House as well as other functions. At these events we work with the fire fighters and the staff to disseminate information. We also get to interact with other public officials and the people of Tinley Park.

The Fire Corps is an excellent way to give back to the community. Helping with the events alleviates the need to bring in firefighters to these non-emergency events. And it also gives us the opportunity to distribute fire prevention material.

As a member of the Fire Corps, I have always found giving back this way to the community is rewarding and helping our community to be a lot safer. Another benefit of the Fire Corps is the opportunity to work with a highly trained, professional and friendly staff.