

Procedures for Business Fire Inspections

The goal for business fire inspections is to work hand-in-hand with the FRG business community to protect lives and property and make our village a good place to live and do business.

In 1909 the Illinois General Assembly enacted the Fire Investigation Act (425 ILCS 25) and designated the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal to “supervise fire investigations by chiefs of legally organized municipal fire departments and fire protection districts.

A second mandate within that act required the OSFM to “adopt and promulgate rules to protect the public from fire hazards” (425 ILCS 25/9). Annual business fire inspections are among those rules. “The right of entry for the purpose of inspecting properties was granted to both the OSFM and the Chiefs of all municipal fire departments and fire protection Districts.”

The Board of Trustees of the Fox River Grove Fire Protection District has adopted the International Fire Prevention Code (2006 edition) and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code as the codes and standards within the district. The trustees mandated the Bureau of Fire Prevention to carry out code enforcement.

The Fox River Grove Fire Protection District has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Village of Fox River Grove for “Plan Review and Fire Code Enforcement.”

During the Fall of 2019, the Fox River Grove Fire Protection District achieved an upgrade in our Insurance Services Office rating. The district now has an ISO Class 2 rating. This should favorably impact business and homeowner insurance costs. Voluntary code compliance on part of businesses and quality fire inspections on our part can help to maintain our favorable rating.

While fire inspections can take place throughout the year, the vast majority of inspections will be done each year between April and September. Most will take place on Tuesdays and businesses will receive notification of their inspection in advance. As one might imagine, emergency responses take precedence over inspection visits. Because on-duty firefighters make some of the inspections, an appointment might be missed because of an emergency call. Understanding of this prioritization is appreciated.

As part of this website, you can download a “Risk Reduction Checklist.” This checklist highlights common fire safety/life safety code violations and can help businesses prepare for their fire inspection visit.

Voluntary code compliance saves lives and protects property.

