

A Reminder for All: School's Open - A Message from Police Chief Roger Adkins

Back-to-school safety - Motorists are reminded to be extra cautious.

The new school year is underway. This busy time of year can be a dangerous one – especially for children who rely on walking, biking, or waiting for the school bus to get to school. Decreasing daylight hours can also make it harder for motorists to see children. It's important for drivers to slow down and pay attention when kids are present. Keep hands-free cell phone calls to a minimum, especially in traffic.

Here are some other safety tips to remember:

- School zone speed limit signs mandate 20 mph from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days when children are present.
- Motorists must stop – not just yield – for pedestrians, including bicyclists and school crossing guards, in all crosswalks, even when there are no traffic signals or stop signs.
- Illinois law makes disobeying a crossing guard a moving violation. Follow their instructions to stop or proceed.

- Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping for students. State law requires motorists to stop. Do not pass the bus. Be alert for children who may cross the street to catch the bus or those getting off the bus.

Safety inside schools is also a priority.

Prior to the start of the school year, all schools in Northbrook receive reminders to let the Village know of any updates to their floor plans and emergency contact lists are updated.

The Police and Fire departments coordinate with all public and private schools to make sure the schools' crisis plans fit with how officers and firefighters would respond in the event of an incident. School staff members are also advised on how to appropriately respond during a crisis situation. This helps to assure the safety of students, staff, and first responders.

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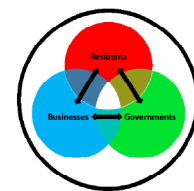
Building Partnerships for Safety -Organizations building partnerships with First Responders

Northbrook's Police and Fire Departments prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from a wide range of natural and man-made incidents and events up to and including major disasters. Partnering with our schools, religious organizations, institutions, and others helps us to properly prepare for major emergencies and disasters. This pre-planning is a critical element in contingency planning to ensure the best possible outcomes. .

Last year, Northbrook School District 27 took steps to prepare a comprehensive all-hazards response plan for its schools, known as the Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). The EPP was created in partnership with Northbrook Police and Fire Departments. The EPP proved to be so successful that the guidelines were adopted by other area agencies and organizations beyond Northbrook, including houses of worship, schools, and libraries within Northfield Township. Thanks to the commitment and countless hours of work by District 27, their township-wide plan includes protocols to follow when conducting building safety drills and reviewing specific emergency and crisis response plans. The plan outlines procedures, such as communication procedures, evacuation plans, procedures to account for everyone, off-site reunification, and basic first-aid training for a variety of emergencies. The EPP is the first emergency response plan that creates mutual aid for the community at the civilian level.

One key component of the EPP is an options-based approach to an active intruder. The plan includes options if an active intruder enters their establishment. "The standardized protocol allows children to know what to do in emergencies anywhere in the township, whether they are at school or at the library," said Northbrook Police Chief Roger Adkins. The EPP also has the support of both the Northbrook and Glenview police and fire departments. "The partnerships we are building have been amazing," said Dr. Kimberly Arakelian, District 27's Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. "Our goal is to have one standard emergency response protocol for the Township." The creation of the EPP is another example of local agencies working together for a stronger community. Safer community, safer schools, parks, and houses of worship.

This effort embodies the spirit of cooperation that exists between the Village and, the School Districts and Library – all of whom are members of the Northbrook Economic Development Committee (EDC).



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