

Greetings from the York Center Fire District

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Welcome

The York Center Fire District ended the year 2024 with 1,589 calls. 632 of those calls were fire, 957 were EMS. DuComm is our dispatching center. DuComm provides public safety communications services to Police, Fire, and EMS agencies. No one plans to call 9-1-1, but now you can plan ahead. Sign up for Smart911 and create your own Safety Profile to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will automatically display on the 9-1-1 call taker's screen when you make an emergency call. This service is also a valuable tool to be used by Premise Alert Program users. For more information about Smart911, go to [Register for Smart911](#).



The York Center Board of Trustees meet once a month.
The public is always welcome to attend.

4/9/2025 - Board of Trustees' Meeting 5/15/2025 - Board of Trustees' Meeting
6/11/2025 - Board of Trustees' Meeting 7/9/2025—Board of Trustees' Meeting
More meeting dates can be found on our [website](#).

Blood Drive - May 1

York Center Fire will be participating in a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) for details.



CPR

The fire district offers both Heartsaver CPR classes and BLS CPR classes for the Healthcare Providers on a monthly basis. Visit our website for [2025 class dates](#).



Narcan Program

The York Center Fire Protection District is now participating in the Home Narcan Program presented by HOPEDuPage and in collaborative efforts with the DuPage County Coroner, Sheriff, State's Attorney, Chiefs of Police, and Health Department. Participants can now receive the lifesaving drug Naloxone to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose from the York Center Fire District. Contact Lt. Nick Carnaggio (630) 627-1940 ext. 241 or carnaggio@yorkcenterfire.org.



DuPage County Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence

If you or someone you know experience physical or emotional harm, there are resources and support services that can assist you. www.dupagecourts.gov/dvresources

Spring Safety Tips

Getting the Urge to Clean? With the warm weather comes a desire to shine and polish your home. But when warning labels are ignored or chemicals fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur. Learn what you can do to [keep you family safe around poisons in the home](#).

Create Proper Ventilation

Becoming mindful of the harmful fumes released by cleaning products is crucial, as they can significantly impact your well-being. To counter this, prioritize proper ventilation by opening windows and doors or employing fans to enhance airflow and effectively disperse these potentially hazardous fumes. So, next time you dive into your cleaning tasks, remember that a breath of fresh air can make all the difference.

Outdoor Cleanup Tips

- Wear shoes or boots, to protect your toes.
- Wear properly fitting gloves. This improves your grip on tools and also helps keep skin safe from blisters, sunburn, bug bites, poisonous plants and chemicals.
- Wear hearing protection when using loud equipment.
- Wear safety glasses to keep flying objects out of your eyes.
- Apply bug spray to keep pests away. Shower after use to remove the chemicals from your skin. And while you're at it, take a minute to look for ticks. If you find one, gently pull it out with tweezers.
- Apply sunscreen or skin products with SPF to any exposed skin to help prevent sunburn. Don't be fooled by cloudy days; you can still get a sunburn.





Summertime is often paired with **grilling outdoors**.

Choose a safe location and position grills properly. Place grills a minimum of 36" away from your home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Set up your grill on a flat, stable surface to prevent tipping.

Operate your grill safely by checking for leaks and opening the lid before lighting. Maintain your grill by cleaning and inspecting it regularly.

Practice safe flame lighting and extinguishing. Use a proper lighter or igniter to start your grill. Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids. Keep a fire extinguisher, bucket of sand, or garden hose readily available for use in emergencies. Know how to quickly shut off the gas supply and call emergency services if a fire gets out of control.

Never leave a hot grill unattended. Allow the grill to cool completely before moving or storing it

Supervise children and pets, establish a safe zone of at least three feet around the grill, where children and pets are not allowed.

Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion or heat stroke, occur when the body can't properly cool itself. During extreme heat, a person's body temperature can rise faster than the body can cool it down, leading to damage to the brain and other vital organs. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic diseases are at the highest risk of heat exhaustion, although it can also happen to young, healthy people who are participating in strenuous activity in the heat.

Warning signs can vary but may include feelings of: Dizziness, Muscle Cramping, Weakness, Fatigue Confusion Heart Palpitations, Nausea

If you notice any of those and generally feel unwell, go indoors immediately. Rest in a shady or air-conditioned place, drink water, and blot your skin with cool water to help lower your body temperature.

Confusion, dizziness or if a person becomes unconscious CALL 911.

Heat Exhaustion		Heat Stroke	
<p>ACT FAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve 	<p>Dizziness Thirst Heavy Sweating Nausea Weakness</p>	<p>Confusion Dizziness Becomes Unconscious</p>	<p>ACT FAST</p> <p>CALL 911</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
<p><small>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</small></p>		<p><small>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</small></p>	

Ambulance Billing Information

The York Center Fire District contracts with an outside vendor, Paramedic Billing Services (PBS), to perform all ambulance billing functions. Billing questions should be directed to PBS at 630.530.2988 or via email at insuranceinfo@paramedicbilling.com.

What should I do with my ambulance bill?

If you are covered by medical insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or are a member of an HMO, please provide information about your coverage on the back of your ambulance bill and return it to PBS. PBS will bill your insurance carrier. **Residents of the York Center Fire District are not required to pay any amount above the amount paid by their insurance.**

Why is there a fee for emergency ambulance service?

York Center uses reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies to assist with the high costs of providing these services. Remember, as a resident you are not responsible for any remaining balance after your insurance has paid.

Where Do I Drop Off Old Medication?

Launched by the DuPage County Health Department in 2009, the RxBOX program offers residents a safe, easy way to drop off unwanted medications that might otherwise have been misused or gone to waterways and landfills. [Click here for RxBOX locations throughout DuPage County.](#)



Deaf or Hearing Impaired?

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Smoke Alarms, commonly called "bed-shakers," are not smoke alarms. Rather, they work with smoke alarms in the home to notify deaf/hard of hearing individuals of a possible life-threatening fire emergency. If this is something you would be interested in please contact us so we can assist you in finding one.



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