

**The Highland Park Fire Department
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Functions of the Fire Prevention Bureau

The Highland Park Fire Department takes a comprehensive approach to fire prevention by enforcing the current Fire and Life Safety Codes. The Fire Protection Bureau is responsible for the following:

- Plan review and fire code evaluation for all occupancy types, advocating fire sprinklers, fire alarms, fire department access and water supply.
- Fire inspections for all phases of new construction, and for existing occupancies, including commercial and single family.
- **Review, interpret, and update the City's Fire and Building Code. The City is currently operating under the 2009 International Building Code and 2009 Building Code.**
- Utilizing legal enforcement of code violations when necessary.
- Permitting and oversight of business operations that entail special hazards or processes.
- Providing public education fire safety programs, including lectures, demonstrations, and tours.
- Review of fire evacuation plans.
- Coordinate occupancy inspections with preplan programs.
- Witness and certify the integrated testing of fire and life safety systems, which includes, but are not limited to, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, and standpipe systems.
- Fire investigations.
- Facilitate the Knox Box program for business and residential properties.

Did you know?

- There are over five thousand inspectable properties in the City of Highland Park.
- The Fire Department requires, by code, that fire alarm systems in all occupancies are tested every year per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72. The Fire Department does not conduct these tests; tests are completed by qualified alarm technicians.
- The Fire Department requires fire sprinklers to be tested every year per NFPA 25. The Fire Department does not conduct these tests; qualified sprinkler technicians complete these tests.
- A Knox Box is required by City Code for any commercial, residential and multi-family occupancy that has a fire alarm system, sprinkler system, standpipe system, elevator/escalator or medic alert system.
- All commercial and residential fire alarm systems need to be registered with the City of Highland Park.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for issuing permits for tents, open burns, hot roof work, fireworks, fire alarms and special use.
- The Fire Department currently operates with one fire inspector.

For more information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847)-926-1075