9-1-1
YOUR EMERGENCY HOTLINE

WHAT IS 9-1-1:
9-1-1 is an emergency telephone number that provides IMMEDIATE access to LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, and EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
9-1-1 is a free call from a pay phone.

WHEN TO USE 9-1-1:
Call 9-1-1 to report a Crime, Fire, or any Medical Emergency requiring the IMMEDIATE response of a FIRE TRUCK, AMBULANCE or LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

WHAT INFORMATION THE 9-1-1 DISPATCHER WILL NEED TO KNOW:
1. THE LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY.
2. THE PHONE NUMBER WHERE THE EMERGENCY IS.
3. THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY.
IMPORTANT: STAY CALM. SPEAK CLEARLY. STAY ON THE TELEPHONE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO HANG UP.

Make sure you have working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in your home and your family has a fire escape plan. You are required by law to have a Carbon Monoxide detector within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

What to do in a Medical Emergency
Give exact address and location of emergency (include crossroads, color of building and landmarks).
State the nature and extent of illness and injury.
Don’t hang up. Wait for the 911 operator to give you instructions or tell you to disconnect.
At night, turn on outside light.
Have someone clear a path to the patient. Watch for emergency workers.
Write a list of patient’s medications and allergies.

What to do in a Fire Emergency
If an alarm goes off, always assume that it means a real fire.
First, get everyone out of the building.
Then, DIAL 911 to report a fire emergency from another location (neighbor’s home, etc).
Give your exact address and location.
Don’t hang up. Wait for the 911 operator to give you instructions or tell you to disconnect.
DO NOT re-enter the building for any reason.

Carbon Monoxide Info
Carbon monoxide can escape from any fuel-burning appliance, furnace, water heater, fireplace, wood stove, or space heater.
Most newer homes are built very air-tight, thus cutting down on the supply of fresh air to your furnace - and creating an oxygen-starved flame. Tight closing replacement windows and doors, as well as additional insulation can cause similar problems in older homes.
If you are suffering from chronic flu-like symptoms, see your doctor and ask him if it could be a low-level CO poisoning.
If your alarm sounds and you are feeling drowsy or dizzy, leave the house and call 911 from your neighbor’s home. You may need medical attention for CO poisoning.

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Volunteers and professionals proudly protecting the community in which we live for over 100 years
www.savannaillinois.com
Chief: Shawn Picolotti

Since the first Hose Carts and Hook & Ladder Company in 1887, a group of caring local individuals have put their lives on-hold and on-the-line to help protect their neighbor's lives and property. The principles that brought those neighbors together 120 years ago still hold true today.

Today, the Savanna Fire Department protects close to 5,000 residents residing in a response area of 50 square miles. On average, 4 full-time, 32 volunteer firefighters and the Explorer Post respond to 125 calls per year. They dedicate over 7,500 hours annually responding to emergency calls, as well as participating in training, fire prevention activities and fund raising efforts.

The department's fire trucks, equipment and highly trained members are at the ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year to respond to fires, accidents, hazardous materials spills, and various rescue situations which include: high angle/confined space rescue, river rescue, dive rescue, and farm & industrial accidents.

In early 2005, the Boston Globe published a report on U.S. fire department response times to structure fires. The National Fire Protection Association has set certain guidelines for what it considers an appropriate response. Of the 20,754 U.S. departments surveyed over a 7-year period, the Savanna Fire Department ranks in the top 20% for the entire nation and the top 30% in the state.

Being in a "business" where seconds count, the Savanna Fire Department is not only proud of their excellent response times, they are proud of the excellent service they are able to provide when arriving on scene.

Anyone interested in joining this fine team in a full-time capacity, as a volunteer, or as a member of the Explorer Post is encouraged to contact the fire station at the number listed above.

EMS Director: Charlie Corey

In the spring of 1973 the local ambulance service ceased operation and a board of directors was appointed to establish the Savanna Community Ambulance Association. On December 1, 1973 the SCAA and its one leased Cadillac began providing an ambulance service for the residents of Savanna and the surrounding area.

Today, the Savanna Community Ambulance Association is a not for profit organization that contracts Emergency Medical Services to both the City of Savanna and the Savanna Fire Protection District.

The Savanna Ambulance is licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Paramedic level service (highest level for an ambulance) working under the OSF Northern Illinois EMS System (St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford Illinois). The SCAA has two ambulances providing coverage for its response area...1E13 which is licensed at a Paramedic level and 1E15 which is licensed at a Basic level. 1E15 can be field upgraded to a Paramedic level with the proper personnel.

The association's two ambulances and staff of highly trained Paramedics and EMT's respond to approximately 600 emergency calls per year with an average "out the door" response time of 4.2 minutes. This would include paramedic upgrades to Basic level ambulance services in neighboring communities.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Savanna Community Ambulance as a licensed EMT is encouraged to contact the business office at the number listed above.

Chief: Michael Moon

The Savanna Police Department was established in 1873 and proudly serves a community of 3600 residents, providing Law Enforcement service with an average of 3000 calls per year. Employing eight full time sworn Law Enforcement officers and several part time officers, the police department proudly provides year around 24-hour police service to the community as well as security, event planning, crowd control, and traffic direction for special events throughout the calendar year.

The Savanna Police Department has one officer designated as School Resource Officer, who works closely with the local schools establishing emergency plans and providing school security when needed for sporting events and other school related activities. The SRO also promotes an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect among the community's youth.

The Savanna Police Department also takes part in an Auxiliary Police Program which provides training and ride-along programs for persons interested in Law Enforcement, or for persons who simply want to give back to the community. The program was established in 1996 and has been very successful with a waiting list of volunteers.

Bordering the majestic Mississippi River, Savanna Police Officers also provide friendly and helpful service to a multitude of tourists, anglers, hunters, pleasure boaters, bicyclists and motorcyclists that pass through the community every year. Savanna Police Officers are highly trained and proficient in Community Policing and strive to make Savanna a pleasant place to live, or visit, year round.

Applications to the Savanna Police Department are posted and available at www.savannaillinois.com. Also, Chief Moon encourages you to call, or even better, stop by and see for yourself how beautiful and comfortable the community of Savanna is. With ample neighborhood parks and scenic river frontage, it is easy to see why so many people fall in love with the City of Savanna.