



# Gates Mills Fire Department

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## THINK SPRING!

As I write this month's article, it's only 30 degrees outside. But as we all know, spring is coming!

March and springtime in general is a busy time when it comes to Emergency Preparedness.

March 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> is National Severe Weather Week. On March 23, 2016 at 9:50 am there will be a **Statewide Tornado Drill**. This drill will include the use of warning sirens, the Emergency Alert System (EAS), and our local **CODE RED** notification system. To enroll, go to the village website at [www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com) and click on the **CODE RED** link. If you have questions or need assistance signing up please call the Town Hall at 440-423-4405 and speak to our Police and Town Hall Coordinators, Charlene or Dorothy.

Don't forget to change your clocks, Smoke alarm, and Carbon Monoxide alarm batteries on Sunday March 13, 2016. According to the National Fire Protection Association, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If you don't have working smoke alarms please contact me by phone or email. ***The fire department has a smoke alarm program available to all Gates Mills residents.***

With springtime comes the chance of flooding! Remember, "Turn Around – Don't Drown". Don't walk or drive through a flooded area. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet and two feet of moving water can move a car!

As a reminder to all of our residents, please visit the Village website: [www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com) often. New information is added on a regular basis as well as articles and links to help keep you and your family safe.

Until the next Pink Sheet...

*Chief P. Thomas Robinson*