



**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT**

Downtown Fire Truck Solution

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Fire Department

Re: Fire Vehicles Downtown.

Getting the fire truck through downtown can be a task, just as any driver will look at Prospect from Eastbound Park and decide to go Eastern to Ann and cross the tracks. I do this daily to avoid traffic in my car. As an operator our Engine, Medic, or Ladder could just avoid downtown and bypass that traffic congestion.

We would issue a policy to our members to not use downtown Prospect 2-34 for emergency traffic. This then extricates the FD from the plaza safety issues of "how does a fire truck get through," and removes that from the conversation.

People always seem to use this as a leverage point, but the Police and Fire adapt and overcome. We went through the same with 229 Park Ave, and a lot of that was resolved through our process. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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