

## TIP OF THE MONTH

More often than not, your home address is used only for receiving mail. In an emergency however, when seconds matter, it is very important that your home can be located. The best way to ensure this is to post your address near the road, close to your driveway, so first responders can correctly identify the house they are responding to. You can simply label your mailbox, but keep in mind that this may still cause confusion, especially if there is a group of mailboxes together. The most visible way to mark your address is with a green reflective sign, which can be purchased at your local hardware store for approximately \$15. You can install a wood or metal post near your driveway, to mount the reflective sign on. If you install a wood post, make sure it is no greater than 4 inches thick. If you use a metal post, it must be a break-away post in case it gets struck by a vehicle. It is also beneficial to put your address numbers on your house itself, especially if you live in the City or Village.

Bottom line.....don't wait for something to happen! Be prepared, so first responders can get to you in a timely manner.

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