

# Fox Valley Fire: Wireless is New Standard

**Wireless Fire Alarm Monitoring** is rapidly becoming the standard in the Chicagoland area. Most municipalities require a commercial fire alarm system to be monitored 24/7. Traditionally, telephone lines are used to communicate signals from a fire alarm panel to either the Fire Dispatch Center, or a Central Monitoring Station. Today, wireless radio fire alarm monitoring is widely accepted and in a growing number of municipalities, it's the only method accepted.

Tom Matousek, Director of Radio Services at **Fox Valley Fire & Safety** told **Food Industry News** that: "Wireless Radio Monitoring is more reliable than traditional monitoring because radio signals create a continuous connection to alert the receiving center of and emergency. Unlike telephone lines, radio frequency is not subject to downed lines or weather conditions, and that cuts down on false alarms and problematic ground faults."

Wireless Radio Monitoring also saves money for businesses because a radio transceiver takes the place of problematic phone lines, and eliminates the monthly cost of dedicated phone or circuit lines. Matousek said that the system provides owners with "peace of mind with more reliable radio fire alarm monitoring."