

FRAUD ALERT

Fraudulent Unemployment Claims



During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase by scammers in the filing of fraudulent unemployment claims

If you have been a victim of a fraudulent unemployment claim, please take the immediate following steps:

- 1.** Report the fraud to the Bellwood Police Department so we can respond to the Notice of Claim accurately;
- 2.** Report the fraud to the Illinois Department of Employment Security at (800) 814-0513. Keep a record of who you spoke to, the date, and time;
- 3.** Visit **IdentityTheft.gov** to report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and get help with the next important recovery steps; and
- 4.** Request your free credit reports via **www.annualcreditreport.com** and review them for other fraudulent activities. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact the **Bellwood Police Department at (847) 451-8000 or (708) 544-2121.**