

Booster Line

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“911, What’s your Emergency?”

Our current reporting period covers the activities that Schiller Park responded to in the last month. The following incidents are the firefighters and paramedics more unique calls. As always Schiller Park members responded to any call for help.

This month we begin on September 15th when Red shift responded to an automatic fire alarm in a hotel. The fire investigative team found the alarm panel indicate the kitchen area and when this area was checked, the team found cooking had set off the alarm.

September 16th had Gold shift respond to the natural gas leak. FF/PM Bertoncini in charge of the engine with his crew found an underground leak. NICOR was called to the scene and the area taped off until the utility arrived.

Next up Engine 5 was dispatched to Des Plaines for the 4th Alarm on a working fire. Members stood by in staging until released.

The next day, the 17th, Black shift responded to the toll way for a three vehicle crash under the oasis. Because of construction it was reduced to one lane. This call required a second ambulance and ambulance 6 responded. Transports were made to Lutheran General a Level I trauma center.

September 18th had MCD dispatch Schiller Park, Rosemont, Franklin Park and Norwood Park to a structure fire in Schiller Park. Chief Chiodo at a meeting at Community Development heard it and took it in as he knew he was the closet unit. On scene he had police and a young girl outside the building with a garbage can smoldering. A quick primary search found no one else inside and the girl tell us that she was off school and was lighting a candle and threw the match on the trash can. Shortly thereafter she saw it smoking . The engine company used a PPV fan to

ventilate and a hose to cool off the plastic garbage can.

Red shift then took in a call for a vehicle accident involving a car and a tanker truck in a side collision. The scene was secured and ambulance 5 rendered medical treatment.

Gold shift went to work on the 19th with a structure fire in Norwood Park. Responding auto aid Battalion 5 arrived and was immediately put to work as the Interior Operations with Norwood Park Engine 101. Truck 5 went to the roof with the aerial main ladder for roof operations. The fire was brought under control and units released.

A pin in response was requested on September 20th for a roll over call on the toll way. Members arrived and found that the person had self extricated and that Franklin Park Truck 2 and Rosemont ambulance were not needed.

A fire alarm on the 21st had Battalion 5 arrive and find the alarm going off and no access. Truck 5 had to force the door to gain entry and begin the investigation. After checking the entire premises no problems were found and a key holder who eventually showed up had the building turned over to them.

September 23rd saw a fire alarm in a commercial building. After Black shift arrived they were met by a contractor who stated they broke a sprinkler head. The system was shut down and the occupant informed they needed to contact a sprinkler company for repair.

An automatic fire alarm in a hotel on the 24th had Black shift dispatched tom the scene. Battalion 5’s crew investigated and found that burnt food set off the detector.

Gold shift had a person at an office complex stuck in the elevator on September 26th. The car was stuck between the first and second floors. Lock out/tag out procedures were followed and the doors opened from the second floor. A ladder was lowered to the elevator roof hatch

door and members were able to get the person and ascend the ladder to the second floor lobby.

A Life Alert activation on the 26th had Black shift respond to check the resident. Engine 5 and ambulance 5 took in the call and were met by the resident who indicated she accidentally set it off but was glad of the quick response had she needed it.

Black shift took in a call on an apartment/condo complex with a fire alarm. Engine 5 arrived and was met by a worker who stated he was sanding drywall in the hallway and set off the alarm.

A natural gas leak on the west side of town had Black shift respond and find a potential leak. Battalion 5 called for NICOR who came to the scene and took over.

Elmwood Park requested a Box Alarm for a structure fire on September 30th. Engine 5 responded as a change quarters company while Battalion 5 took a Chief Officer role. Incident Command then requested fire investigators and FF/PM Bubis the on-duty investigator responded to the scene for the origin and cause investigation.

The next call on the 30th had Red shift respond to an automatic fire alarm at a hotel. In route dispatched notified Battalion 5 that the premises called to say it was a false alarm. Engine 5 continued in the verify and found that steam from a popcorn machine.

October began on the 1st for Red shift with a report of smoke on a PACE bus. On scene members found the bus evacuated and running on the side of the road. Black smoke was coming from the exhaust and getting into the passenger compartment. Our thermal imaging camera TIC, to check for hot spots and none found. The vehicle was relocated to a parking lot and the batteries disconnected. PACE maintenance was notified to have them respond.

District 15 State Police requested Schiller Park on October 1st for a

possible car fire. Upon arrival Schiller Park firefighters found a SUV fully involved on the shoulder. 500 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire. The driver stated he just purchased the vehicle from a private owner 15 minutes prior to this and was driving home from the sale when the fire occurred.

Next up Gold shift took in arcing wires along an apartment building. Com Ed was called and told that the cross member was also being compromised. Com Ed showed up and tripped breakers to the pole and adjacent areas.

October 2nd saw MCD tone out a pin in response for a rollover accident along Mannheim road. Upon arrival Battalion 5 found Chicago also pulling up to the scene. After a quick conversation CFD determined this was in their jurisdiction and had a full response from Chicago coming. The CFD lieutenant advised that they would handle this call.

After picking up Gold shift took in another motor vehicle crash at a busy intersection. This incident was more severe and required the assistance of having a third paramedic off the engine accompany ambulance 5 to the Level I trauma center LGH.

Bensenville requested a Box Alarm for a working fire on October 3rd. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 both responded to staging until released.

B/C Hatcher received a call from NICOR on October 4th that while they were excavating to do a new installation they uncovered an underground storage tank which they breached. The State Fire Marshal was informed as well as a clean up company to recover any product remaining in the tank and any remediation.

An evening of fun on October 6th at a hotel night club ended up with a fire department response for a fire alarm. Gold shift's fire investigative team found that a smoke/fog machine being used on the dance floor set off the alarm. PPV fans were used to clear the room

Next Gold shift took in another reported pin in vehicle accident at another intersection along Mannheim road. One person was in police custody and Schiller Park paramedics treated and transported.

Red shift then took a call for an accident within the construction zone on I-294. Chief Chiodo and Lt. Leiser who were both on callback staffed truck 5 and found the accident. Paramedics then took over and triaged the injured.

October 8th, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, had an automatic fire alarm responded to by members. Investigation on scene found that a water leak from the roof access at the hotel got into a detector and activated the fire alarm.

Red shift October 9th had a carbon monoxide detector going off and a response from the fire department. Members could hear the detector going off in one of the apartments with no one answering. Both doors were locked and so members placed a ladder to a window removed the screen and were able to enter. Members found it was a smoke detector that was going off in a bedroom for no apparent reason or cause.

Arcing wires on October 10th had Gold shift respond. Members saw on scene that the wires were arcing near the pole and notified Com Ed. Schiller Park Police cordoned off the scene and waited for the electric company.

After returning to quarters MCD dispatched companies to smoke and fire and an area. While investigating the call and looking in the area, Gold shift found an individual burning discarded items. The fire department finished extinguishing the debris and contacted the owner of the property.

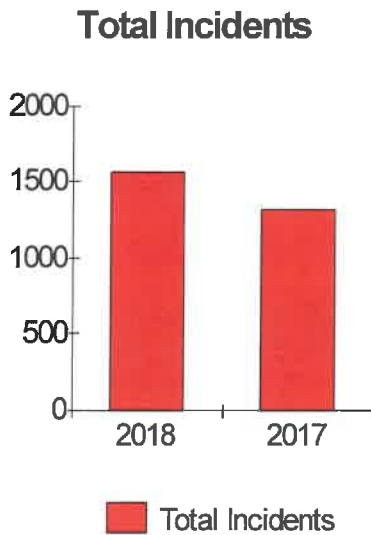
Another rubbish fire on October 12th had Red shift respond along the toll way for a garbage can.

Red shifts next call was for a car that hit a light pole. The light pole was dislodged and leaning on a tree. The contractor responsible for repair of

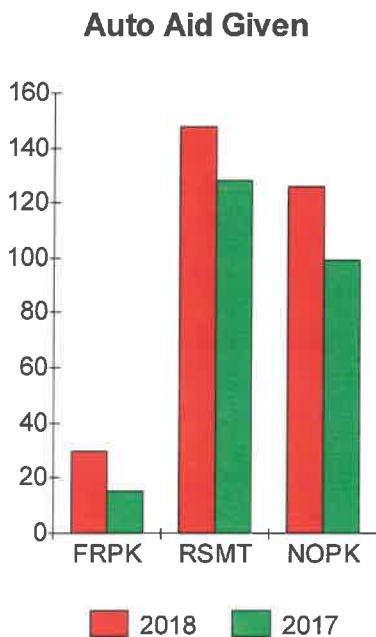
the light pole was contacted.

The last call from the reporting period occurred on October 15th when Red shift took in a call for a person trapped in an elevator and needing rescuing.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:



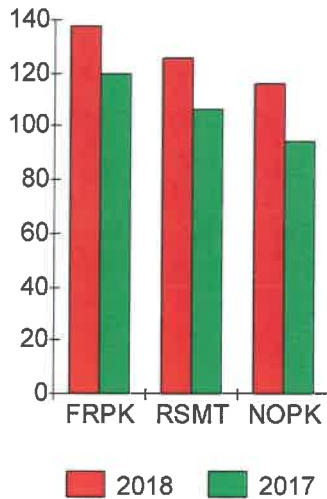
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of September 30th "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid

as of September 30th "From":

Auto Aid Received



| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Total Incidents | 1567 | 1326 |

Auto Aid to:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Franklin Park (FRPK) | 30 | 15 |
| Norwood Park (NOPK) | 126 | 99 |
| Rosemont (RSMT) | 148 | 128 |

Auto Aid From:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Franklin Park (FRPK) | 138 | 120 |
| Norwood Park (NOPK) | 116 | 94 |
| Rosemont (RSMT) | 126 | 106 |

I Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission have announced the intention of giving a Lieutenant promotion exam in the near future. They have provided the fire department an updated reading study list which is posted in the kitchen. Lt. Leiser will have all books available and kept in the Fire Prevention Office. They should not leave the firehouse. The written test will be administered on

February 19th. Letters of intent for those eligible are to be turned in to Chief Chiodo by December 14th at noon.

FF/PM Rusciollelli broke his ankle in a car accident off duty. He is anticipated to be off until December. Members will fill the vacancy until he returns.

Our condolences, prayers and thoughts go out to two members of the fire department whose spouses recently lost their grandparents. FF/PM Warden experienced the loss of Joseph Piolla and FF/PM Rupsis family lost Melvin Sigel.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Warden who was asked to speak at the Cook County Board Commission meeting on Women at Work.

Toll way work continues with changing patterns on a regular basis. The oasis is still scheduled to come down early October.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

A number of items have been worked on this past month.

Our Posi check has been returned after it was calibrated from Honeywell. We were originally told that it would need to be replaced before we hosted the MSA class and the instructor said it was still good. This was a \$24,000 budgeted item that cost us just over \$1,000 saving the Village over \$22,000. All air packs have now been tested.

We were finally informed that Bensenville has cut over to their new frequency and dispatch center Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center (ACDC). They were formally with NORCOMM. The switchover took place October 1st and we already can hear a significant decrease in radio traffic on our current fire main frequency.

Members also requested the purchase of new reciprocating battery operated saws that were purchased for our vehicles. These will have interchangeable batteries with other of our tools.

The second MABAS Light Tower in the Division that was formerly housed in Berkeley has been moved to Stone Park.

Our in house MSA technicians were able to make repairs to our SCBA's after finding problems during the annual testing.

We sent out Truck 5 for its lift cylinders that needed to be checked on. This was done before the warranty ran out and no cost to us.

Tony was able to repair the Kusmall on Battalion 5. Please do not store extra equipment behind the second row seat as heat can not dissipate.

The hot water tank under the kitchen sink rotted out its base and was removed. It will not be replaced. Other plumbing had Mid City rod out the mens bathroom lavatories.

A portable knox box was loaned out to the resident at 9712 River. Please note this when responding.

Our mechanic Tony Calafati also worked on multiple items during his preventive maintenance and emergency maintenance.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

The Ambulance committee has put out to several vendors our specifications for a new ambulance. Bids were opened and a recommendation made to the Village. It was referred to committee for a future meeting.

IDPH and Loyola have sent all departments a memo indicating that it a department is volunteering to be deployed nationally for a disaster they must clear it with IDPH, Loyola

Project Medical Director for the ambulance to be deployed and then each paramedic must also make the same notifications. Remember the department and the paramedic operate under the physicians license.

In order to keep the department at minimum staffing and within our fiscal budget, Chief Chiodo has asked Lt. Swiontek to use part time paramedics as often as feasible. This is a short term solution until we can master the budget and see where finances take us.

Lt. Swiontek and Donna Schmidt (Human Resources) continue to interview part time paramedics to help fill our need and void. This past month we had three part time resignations.

We had to have the fuel tank and straps replaced at freightliner this past month. The rusted tank and straps took over a week to repair by the dealer on Ambulance 5.

Ambulance 6 had its Life Pak 15 repaired. It is now back in service.

When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

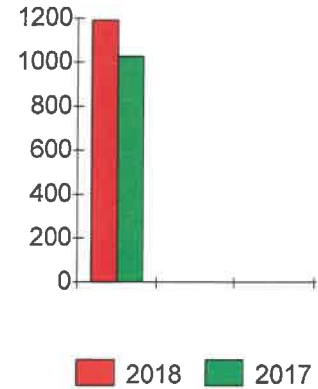
The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation have issued a bulletin concerning refreshers on nerve agents. This is posted in the kitchen for review.

During the past month personnel responded to 150 emergency calls. A total of 135 patients were encountered. 94 patients were transported to area hospitals.

| | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Responses | 148 | 1187 |
| ALS Transports | 52 | 446 |
| BLS Transports | 39 | 275 |
| Refusals/MPR's | 23 | 216 |

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|----------------------|----|-----|
| Other Non-Transports | 12 | 80 |
| Fire Responses | 22 | 174 |
| CPR Students taught | 0 | 7 |
| Mut. Aid to SHPK | 2 | 47 |
| SHPK to others | 6 | 51 |

EMS Total Responses



Projects in the Works

All the shifts are encouraged to take on new challenges. If you have a project or an idea, please pass it on to your Officers.

What's in the works? –

- Finish capping aluminum on windows
- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- Mount association shirts
- Bell stand for ceremonies
- New floor covering for safety on apparatus floor
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

September Trivia

What is special about a Babendreier hydrant?

Mr. Barendreier was a mechanical engineer who patented his hydrant in 1903. He wanted a mean of connecting a second engine without shutting off the hydrants main valve and did so via a swinging independent gate valve on twin steamer ports.

Only one correct answer was received by Chief Richard Belmonte (ret.) Westchester.

October Trivia

During size up an acronym that is often used is COAL WAS WEALTH. What does it stand for?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* to be eligible for the prizes. Winners will be selected randomly from all correct entries.

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

The training division has been active in defining and charting a course for our department.

FF/PM Zydlo and FF/PM Rusciolleli both completed Fire Apparatus Engineer in Arlington Heights.

FF/PM Velasco did the State Fire Marshal class in Rope technician in Romeoville.

FF/PM Niemand attended the Company Officer academy in Romeoville.

FF/PM Leao completed the fire marshal program as a School Inspector in Westmont.

Many of the OSFM classes will require continuing education. Please review if any certification you hold requires Con Ed. If you would like to be certified in the future also check what the requirements will be. The OSFM is reviewing the required con ed in all areas.

All members are reminded that we have a large chunk of credit at Triton College for classes for our firefighters. This was in exchange for our donation of engine 456. Please consider taking classes and earning your Associate degree at the minimum.

The State Fire Marshal is transitioning to computer based testing. Twenty-five state written examinations will be available with this new process. As certification programs are revised to the updated NFPA standards, more examinations will become available. As with most of the revised programs, continuing education hours or points accompany the certification. Please talk to Lt. Leiser for complete information and requirements.

The State Fire Marshal has partnered again with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Any class that the Institute gives will have the end of class test count as the State certification exam. Other agencies delivering classes will NOT have the same privilege. You will need to take a separate State test. See Lt. Leiser.

Members completed 120 hours of training for the month with 12 training drills. This includes outside classes.

| Totals: | Month | Hrs | Year | Hrs |
|--------------------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Drills/ Classes | 21 | 303 | 227 | 3338 |

B/C Cesaretti is also authorized by the State to administer exams. As a proctor he must give the State notice and obtain the secure exams. Therefore you cannot approach him and expect to be given an exam on a short notice.

Please fill the Outside Training Form on Target Solutions whenever you attend a class, seminar or training session outside of Schiller Park. This allows for accurate record keeping in those areas and credit for the hours you put into training.

Signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment. If you can't attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employee of the Month FF/PM Jessica Warden.

Jessica was chosen to go to the Cook County building and present to the Commission a brief talk/lecture on Women at Work. Jessica was picked because of her professionalism and dedication to a career that we have all picked.

Thanks for your time and dedication, you make us proud to be firefighters and in the fire service and village employees.

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Chief Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts are nearly three quarters through their inspections for 2018

inspections. Each shift has 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three-year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

We have been actively doing the fire hydrant flushing and doing fire flows in a grid type pattern so that we have accurate data. We have also gone out and done specific flows in areas where new businesses are looking to re-locate so they have accurate numbers.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working on many significant new development projects that will be coming or moving into town. With this progression we are taxing the bureau and any help that can be given to B/C Hatcher would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for members to go to advance training for Fire Prevention and Inspection/Inspector.

Our fire prevention bureau conducted acceptance tests of new installed fire alarm systems and approved Business Regulation Certificate Data Sheets.

B/C Hatcher addressed the Trouble Alarms from the past month from both the end user and Midwest Central Dispatch.

B/C Hatcher also reviewed all the fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection reports.

When checking sprinkler/standpipe connections please see that it is a stortz fitting. If they have not complied with our request to change the connection, please advise that we may be able to hook up to that system. Any questions can be referred to Chief Chiodo.

We are looking to bolster and strengthen our fire inspectional program. We are looking for our members to take the Inspector I certification program. All new firefighters will be required to take this class.

ISO has changed their grading system and now will given credit for

Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

B/C Hatcher is working with Community Development on keeping communications open and resolve problems. There are several major inspections that are jointly being worked on. The majority of businesses are in compliance.

Any member wishing to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association should contact B/C Hatcher.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

The Schiller Park Police Department is sponsoring a *No Shave November* where participating members will raise money for charity. Please see participating officers to make a donation.

Members of our own department have been in the schools all through October for Fire Prevention Month. Each grade level has a specific lesson and topic.

Our department also held its Open House for Fire Prevention month. We had several vendors participate and over 200 attendees participated.

The Village of Schiller Park now has two certified car seat installers. Recently Police Officer Jim Klug was certified and FF/PM Bubis was recertified. Appointments can be made by appointment. This should allow the public to have a certified person available most days.

We have been invited to participate in the 16th Annual Veterans Day parade on November 3rd in Hillside. Anyone interested see FF/PM Schneider.

The Schiller Park Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus are hosting the sixth annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast for Veterans

and their families on November 11th at 9-12 at the Community Center.

Also for Veterans Day a concert will be held at Lincoln Middle school on November 9th at 10:30 AM and a Hometown Heroes concert on November 8th at East Leyden 7PM.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town.

Please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

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Retiree Row

This past month a number of retirees contacted us with their activities.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) invited Chief Chiodo out to lunch to reminisce about their days together on the department and in inspectional services.

Dan also informed Chief Chiodo that his mentor Jim Swiercynski (ret.) who was a firefighter, Chief Fire Inspector and Building Official moved from Wisconsin to warmer weather in Florida.

Also moving to Florida was FF/PM Piculas (dis.) who moved from the Midwest to the Sunshine State.

Yvonne Milnes, wife of Lt. Herb Milnes (ret.) has also relocated and moved back to the Chicago area from Texas.

Please drop a line as to how any of our retirees are doing. This is an opportunity to let others know what you are doing and how you are doing. Please email to Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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Letters and Notes

We received several notes and thanks you's this past month. They include:

The Glenville Fire Department who bought our tower ladder used her during their Fire Prevention Week to instruct young children about fire safety.

We received three letters of resignation from part time paramedics. PM Cwynar took a position in Glenwood and they don't allow part time work during probation.

The second resignation came from Greg Ostrand who took a fulltime position as a firefighter/paramedic in Oak Park.

Our third letter of resignation came from PM Heiderman who resigned to take care of a family member on bed rest.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance meeting will be held in the Firehouse classroom on Tuesday November 27th. Any potential purchases should be submitted to FF/PM Loch by November 19th.

Emergency Mgmt.

A new proposal for updated computers for the vehicles has been submitted for approval.

The motor on the air raid siren was burned out. Quotes for a new replacement came in at \$11,000. Black shift members removed and sent out the motor for re-wind and repair and saved the Village over \$10,000!!! Thanks Black shift.

B/C Leiser continues to work with MCD on the software for the recorder to review calls in Schiller Park.

Association News

The Association is beginning to work with the Operation North Pole to provide coats to children and a Christmas to other children and families with special needs.

And Finally...

Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean.

Deadlines

The Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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The Cook County Commission on Women's Issues
2018 Public Hearing
WOMEN at Work
Join us to learn about the status of women in the workplace in 2018, root causes of inequality, and solutions to economically empower women moving forward.
October 4, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Board Chambers | Room 569
County Building | 118 North Clark Street
www.cookcountyil.gov/ccwi

