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Our Mission Statement-

We, the Members of the Schiller park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services.

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 July 16th when Gold shift responded to the toll way for a vehicle accident. On location members found that a motorcycle which fled the scene, caused an accident where two other vehicles then collided. Members of Schiller Park and Franklin Park established a safe working zone, treated and assessed the patients.

Prior to shift change on the 17th Gold shift was called for the CO detector. The resident indicated that while cooking the detector went off. Initial monitoring found 20 ppm by firefighters and 50 ppm when the stove was turned ON. The gas was shut OFF and the resident advised to seek a repair person.

Before going home Gold shift was sent to its last call for their tour of duty when a child was locked in a car. The car was running and the A/C was ON. Members were able to gain entry with no damage after the appropriate waivers were signed.

Black shift picked up where Gold shift left off on the 17th when they took in a natural gas leak. Members entered the condo hallway and immediately noticed an odor similar to natural gas. Using the W-tool forcible entry was made into an unoccupied unit where the gas leak appeared to be coming from the stove.. The condo was

ventilated along with the hallway and turned over to management.

August 18th had Red shift respond to a motorcycle versus a car vehicle accident. Ambulance 6 treated and transported from the intersection to a level one trauma center.

A well-being check on August 19th had Gold shift force entry through a side open window. Firefighters then assisted paramedics before transporting.

Red shift on the 21st took in a gas main that was hit by a construction crew. NICOR was contacted and Engine 5 dropped a 1 ¾ inch hose line. The service line to the business was ruptured and firefighters remained on stand by until cleared by NICOR.

A motor vehicle accident on the 24th had red shift respond to a parking lot where a car hit a parked truck. Ambulance 5 checked out the driver who was shook up.

Gold shift on the 25th was called to the scene of a man down in the parkway. Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 arrived and found the person was sleeping on the lawn. The person awoke and walked to the ambulance where they requested the person be checked out by a doctor.

For the third time in a month firefighters responded to an accident involving a motorcycle. This time Black shift responded and because of the seriousness of the accident a third paramedic accompanied the ambulance to the Trauma Center Lutheran General.

The last call for the reporting period occurs on July 28th. Members were dispatched from Red shift to an accident involving a person hit by a car. Members got on scene and were told by Schiller Park Police that it was a dog that was hit by a car and no persons were involved.

August 9th was a warm and dry day for Gold shift and in the early afternoon were dispatched to a brush fire. What the group found was that the brush fire was at Sexton landfill and had over a 1/3 of it burning requiring a Box Alarm.

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August 10th started with wires arcing and smoldering in a tree. Com Ed was called to the scene and residents were told stand clear until Com ed completed their work.

Early afternoon on August 10th Schiller Park responded to Franklin Park for a reported fire. Truck 5, Battalion 5 and Chief 5 responded and soon the fire in the commercial building went to a 3-11 Alarm fire. Schiller Park battled, with other firefighters, an aggressive interior fire attack before being told to retreat. Truck 5 then went to work on the roof making a trench cut for ventilation.

An automatic fire alarm on the 12th found the fire investigative team ascend to the fifth floor to find a station activated and when a guest room was open a large cloud of smoke enter the hallway. The occupants ran out, apparently partying, and the smoke detector went off.

The following day on the 13th a rolled over dump truck had members respond from Black shift. (see photo). Because the truck was leaking fuel FF/PM Loch crawled under and using a wax ring was able to stop down and control the leak. Ambulance 5 made the transport of the driver.

Later in the shift members responded to a person who was struck by a vehicle on 25th. Ambulance 5 assessed the patient.

August 14th found Red shift take in a total of 10 calls for the shift. One of these calls was for a vehicle fire on the I-294. The car was fully involved upon arrival and 100 feet of 1 ¾ inch hose was extended to fight the fire. 500 gallons of water put out the fire in the motor and occupant compartments.

After clearing the above scene, Schiller Park was then re-directed further north on the toll way for a rolled over van. Because Engine 5 and their crews were some three miles south of the new incident, Chief Chiodo. took in the call and verified the location and that it was a rollover. Engine 5, Ambulance 5 and the troops arrived shortly thereafter and transported the patient.

Red shift returned later in this same shift to the toll way for the third time for another fire this time being a brush fire. On Scene Lt. Niemand found that it was not brush but rather the wooden supports for the construction supports/braces being used in the toll way re-construction. The pre-connect was pulled and the fire and smoldering areas cooled down. 250 gallons of water were used in this operation.

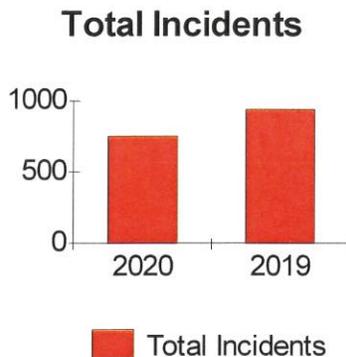
The fourth call to the toll way for this shift had a semi truck leaking fuel in the oasis area. Our on duty haz mat tech checked the vehicles in the parking area for the stricken vehicle.

Early evening found a resident call in for a neighbor with open burning. Arriving members found a burn pit in the middle of the driveway about 25 yards from a structure, no wind and a garden hose present. There was no problem and the fire department played referee for the feuding neighbors over the fire pit.

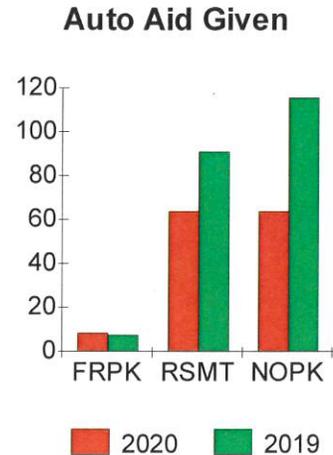
The last call for this reporting period was on the toll way for a crash involving a semi truck and a car. One person was transported from this accident.



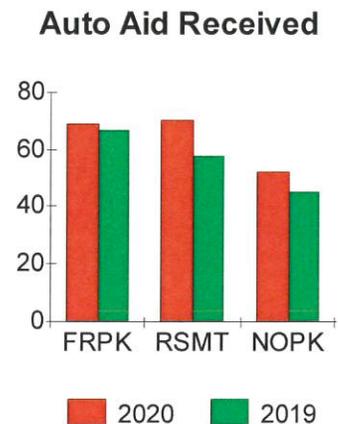
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2019:



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of July 31st "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of July 31st "From":



	2020	2019
Total Incidents	1,114	1,277

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	10	10
Norwood Park (NOPK)	105	155
Rosemont (RSMT)	79	126

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	88	105
Norwood Park (NOPK)	65	77
Rosemont (RSMT)	89	91

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails



B/C Budnik who injured himself in an off duty accident has returned to full duty.

Because of Covid-19, our Mental health Professional has not been seeing anyone in the office. We have had to re-schedule several times and it now appears that their office will be open in September. I will wait until that is confirmed before making the appointments a third time.

I appreciate all the cleaning and disinfecting that the members have done continuously throughout the day. We have been very fortunate as no members have been stricken or quarantined as a result of covid-19. We have transported multiple patients who tested positive or thought they had exposures and all our training and PPE has paid off. I have also written a new policy in advance of a potential second wave where we will use thermometers for guests and visitors to the firehouse. We may extend this depending on the severity of the second wave to employees.

MABAS also has sent out a notice to all fire departments to prepare contingency plans should a majority of a department be stricken. I'm happy to say that we have discussed this internally and with Franklin Park. We have several options at our disposal.

We are still scheduled to get our new E-One engine. Again, with the virus and most of the manufacturing shut

down in the United States we will be looking at early 2021. The shop number is SO 144000. When in production you can go on the E-One website and see the progress of the build out.

September 1st an insurance renewal for health insurance will go into effect. Fliers and enrollment periods were posted in the firehouse for changes in coverage and other voluntary programs.

We are reviewing Chapter 32 of the Millennium code dealing with the fire department and job descriptions.



Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony Califati has worked diligently on preventive maintenance and keeping our vehicles in service and a multitude of other projects for the fire department.

We continue to rotate fire and EMS apparatus to even the wear and tear on our vehicles.

Tony is working on replacing the inverter on Battalion 5. This converts 110volt house current to the 12 volt current to keep all the electronics and equipment charged and/or powered in the "Buggy".

Tony also repaired the tire on Ambulance 5 (461) and the side step on Ambulance 6 (463) which was rotted out was repaired and re-attached.

Our Public Works Department and Village engineers are now working on the northern part of town to resurface

and do water main projects. We will see hydrant replacement in sections of Michigan, Forster , area in the next few months.

The Village changed garbage haulers. Effective August 1, 2020 Flood Brothers has been the hauler. All residents were notified and notices are also up in the firehouse for our trash disposal and recycling. While there were a few hiccups it seems to be smooth.

Lastly, we continue, to do hydrant flushing per the Public Works department.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau.

We continue to use our UV Light for disinfecting and we have been actively using it. The UV lights disinfects several different viruses including Covid-19. We have used it in our vehicles and in the offices in the firehouse. FF/PM Leao is taking the lead in weekly rotating through the firehouse and vehicles its use.

We are gearing up with supplies for the potential next wave of this covid-19 virus. We have ordered addition gloves, wipes, gowns and thermometers. We hope to avoid the shortages and back ordering that many other agencies experienced.

During the annual Stryker cot maintenance, it was found that the push button assembly and communication board were not working properly. These items were replaced, serviced or repaired.

We were sad to hear that Sue Siorek from Loyola, one of our educators, is retiring. Sue was a big part of the Loyola EMS system and helped develop the program. A farewell coffee and cake was held following all covid protocols.

We have been notified by our EMS system that there is a new synthetic

opioid Isotonitazene out there. A memo in the Pass On book addresses this drug and concerns.

We are allowing the EMT and paramedic ride program to move forward and have accepted students.

We received a letter of resignation from PM Leah Berrford. She has been with us a few years and was recently appointed as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Barrington/Countryside. Her secondary passion is animals and will work in a vet's office.

Lt. Swiontek and HR Director Donna Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

Loyola has updated their website with new versions of forms including drug exchange, ambulance inspection, non-transport vehicle inspection and controlled substance inventory.

Loyola has also made available on its website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

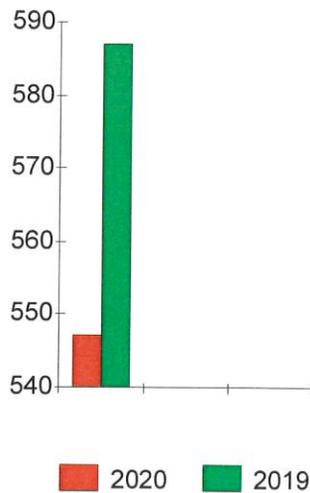
When exchanging/retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check/verify the dosages. With different manufacturers & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.



During the past month personnel responded to 124 emergency calls. A total of 115 patients were encountered. 84 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	124	788
ALS Transports	54	292
BLS Transports	30	203
Refusals/MPR's	21	151
Other Non-Transports	2	27
Fire Responses	17	125
CPR Students taught	0	10
Car Seats Installed	0	0
Mut. Aid to SHPK	7	46
SHPK to others	8	21

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.

With the Corona virus, we have limited our personnel to what projects we will or can work on.

What's in the works? –

- New Life Pak
- New Mobile Data terminals

- new SCBA bottles
- new radios
- dispose of engine 453
- Screen overhead doors
- Epoxy floor
- New Great Room floor
- Paint red and letter front overhead doors.
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

Because of delays in the mail, last month Peter Tropp of the Fire Buffs of Illinois did correctly answer our trivia question on the Pillar of Fire. I would like to acknowledge him.

July Trivia

In many cases, such as the burning of organic material, for example wood, or the incomplete combustion of gas, incandescent solid particles, called soot, produce what?

Answer: The familiar re-orange glow of "fire"

There were no correct answers this month



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.

Lt. Niemand and FF/PM Bubis both completed the Instructor II course. This is one of the core classes for Advanced Company Officer.

Members will be taking the Fire Service Vehicle Operator on line class who have not had it previously.

Plans are in the works to have a class on the new garbage collection vendor and fighting fires in their vehicles.

Contact has also been made to have a Pension seminar for all members.

We continue to participate in the Cornerstone training provided free through the State Fire Marshal Office. We are currently attending the Traffic Management and the Origin and Cause classes in Franklin Park.

Lt. Niemand will be sending INCOMPLETE assignments to members who have not completed training. Members should continuously check Target Solutions for required or upcoming training.

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. Niemand 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.

Members completed 61 hours of training for the month with 40 training drills. This includes outside classes.

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. Lt. Niemand is working with the Division and the State to see about hosting another class for proctors to be held in northern Illinois instead of traveling to Springfield. Currently there are only four proctors from Division 20 eligible to proctor. Therefore you cannot approach any proctor and expect to be given an exam on a short notice. Class rosters and attendance must be in hand of the State to verify that you took the class, attended, had a qualified instructor and completed the class and end of class test before an exam from the State will be administered.

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 Profile

This month we profile the remainder of the Schiller Park Fire Department personnel and a brief synopsis of their career and badge number. Our personnel are trained in a minimum of 5 certifications from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The majority of our firefighter/paramedics possess an average of 8-10 certifications along with their NIMS (National Incident Management System) certifications. A biography of all personnel is realistically on-going and I would match up our personnel with any other department for commitment and dedication.

Previous issues of the *Booster Line* already profiled the following: Chief Peter Chiodo, B/C Budnik, B/C Cesaretti, B/C Hatcher, Lt. Swiontek, FF/PM Rupsis.

FF/PM Sam Chung (38)



Sam was appointed December 18, 1997 and previously served in Franklin park as a paramedic. Sam became part of the Haz Mat team and is actively involved in the Fire Prevention Bureau. As the senior man on shift he is a mentor and Barn Boss. His knowledge of small tools and engines has been very beneficial in repairing in house. Sam has also

acted as an Acting Officer. Sam has one child.

FF/PM Lou Bertoncini (46)



Lou was hired in December 2022. Lou was previously a paramedic in Norwood Park and a Paid on call firefighter in Prospect Heights. Lou is mechanically inclined and has re-built a good portion of the firehouse. "Can't be done" is not in Lou's vocabulary. Lou has obtained OSFM certification in a number of areas and has specialty training as a Fire Investigator. Lou has been an Acting Officer on Black shift. Lou is a former Firefighter of the Year. Lou has one son.

FF/PM Blaine Schneider (47)



Blaine brings a wealth of talent to the department. Blaine has been very instrumental in running the Firefighters Association (not the Union). Part of Blaine's skill set involves his ability to deal with the public and took over the Public Education division and created Community Engagement which encompasses all areas of public relations and public education. Blaine has credentials as a Public Life Safety Educator among his numerous certifications. Blaine is the Chairperson of the Firefighter's Pension Fund elected by the other firefighters and is an Acting Officer who currently is Number 1 on the Lieutenant promotional list. Blaine is a former Firefighter of the Year. Blaine is married with children.

Lt. Jeff Leiser (53)



Lt. Leiser was hired on May 8, 2006. Jeff has a long history with our department as he is a third generation firefighter for Schiller Park. Jeff's grandfather was the first full time firefighter holding badge number 1 and his father retired as a Battalion Chief in 2019. Jeff has the fire service running through his veins and has only wanted to be a firefighter since his youth. Jeff provides service and dedication to not only Schiller Park as a firefighter to also to a neighboring community. Jeff was assigned as our department Training Officer before

taking over Emergency management a role his father previously held. Jeff is also a fire investigator and the lead Investigator for Schiller Park.

FF/PM David Farias (57)



Dave got hired in May of 2009. Dave worked in the private ambulance sector and brings a wealth of knowledge to our department. Dave is very meticulous in his work. Dave is detail orientated and quickly took a liking to the Fire Prevention Bureau where he is the Lead Inspector. Dave is very conscious of cleaning and has a calm bedside manner with patients and can diffuse situations. Dave is one of the quiet giants on the department and often does work without looking for any accolades. Dave is married with children.

FF/PM Tim Bubis (60)



Tim was hired in September of 2009. Tim is a go getter and never lets the grass grow under his feet. Tim is always busy and on the go. Some of Tim's skills that he brings to the department is his ability to incorporate technology into the fire department. Tim has helped with programs such as Target Solutions, CAD programs, Crewsense and our phone system. Much of the audio and visual technology that we use, we owe to Tim. Tim also is an Acting Officer and when not doing the above jobs, he is the Fire Department CPR Lead Instructor and Car Seat installer. Tim is married with children.

FF/PM Nick Santiago (61)



Nick got hired in October of 2009. Nick cut his teeth in the fire service with his twin brother in the northern suburbs. Nick joined the military while employed here and completed his military duty. Nick took to Technical Rescue and is our Technical Team leader and our Water Rescue Specialist. He has helped develop policies for our technical rescue team and department SOG's. He has taught in the division in technical rescue based on his experience and certifications. Nick coordinates all water rescue training for the department and is an Acting Officer. Nick is a former Firefighter of the Year. Nick is married with a family.

FF/PM Mike Miletta (62)



Mike came to Schiller Park in December of 2009. Mike brought to us his previous experience from Bartlett FPD amongst others. Mike has worked in the fire prevention bureau as a lead inspector. Mike also has a soft spot for helping others in need and has taken on the responsibility of working closely with the Firefighter Association where he has led several successful fundraisers for charity garnering over \$60,000. Mike is an Acting Officer and currently the Union President. Mike often puts others including the Village and the Fire department ahead of him for the greater good. Mike currently sits on the eligibility list for fire department lieutenant.

Lt. Adam Niemand (64)



Lt. Niemand was hired in May of 2010 and quickly made his mark on the fire department. Adam was number one on his eligibility list and also the Lieutenants exam. Adams attention to detail benefitted the department in the fire prevention bureau where he modernized the department by bringing us into the 21st Century. Adam as a firefighter began the process of moving from a paper system to a digital system with all of our fire prevention forms. He then got 2% to scan and digitalize all of our files years before the Village embarked on the same path. Adam got the department to start using Ipads for the majority of what we would have done on paper, he has worked with the Firefighters Association and the Union and was a former Firefighter of the Year. Adam is currently our training Officer where we have moved into the 22 Century!

FF/PM Jessica Warden (65)



Jessica was appointed as a Firefighter/Paramedic in January 2012. Her previous experience includes working for the Elmhurst Fire Department. Jessica took to Public Education and has organized a number of events internally and externally for the Fire Department. More recently she has been certified in Hazardous materials and is assigned to the Haz Mat team. Jessica is married with a family.

FF/PM Rob Velasco (66)



Rob brings a variety of experiences to our department. Rob was hired in January 2014. Rob has strong mechanical skills and is part of the Technical Rescue team. As part of the technical rescue team he has excelled in Water Rescue and Rope Rescue. Rob works with his fellow firefighters in pushing them to be the best and not have anyone sit on their laurels. Rob is part of the Firefighters Association Board and the Foreign Fire Insurance Board and took on previously the responsibility of house fund manager. He also is certified as a technician for our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Rob works in training and as a mentor to fellow firefighters. Rob is married with a family.

FF/PM Marcello Leao (67)



Marcello was sworn in January 2014. Marcello comes to us with a medical degree. Marcello is actually a Doctor. Marcello has worked in the fire prevention bureau and has been a big proponent of firefighter safety getting us an air exhaust system for the vehicles through a grant. Marcello continues to work on firefighter safety and in particular cancer as it relates to firefighters. He has instituted the "gross decon" on the vehicles, black bag for gear and has been in charge of disinfecting the vehicles and living quarters with the UV light. Marcello was our first drone pilot on the department. Marcello is married with a family.

FF/PM Brad Dehmlow (68)



Brad was hired in April 2014. Brad has focused his career on hazardous materials and is the department haz Mat Coordinator. He has trained throughout the United States and with the Division. He recently was given the honor of being on the Elite Haz Mat deployable team. When not doing hazardous materials for the department or the Division, Brad is one of the lead fire prevention inspectors for his shift. Brad is a firefighter who would give you the shirt off his back as one of the most selfless persons. Brad has a super sense of humor and practical jokes that he shares with his fellow firefighters and shiftmates. Brad has a son.

FF/PM Graham Loch (69)



Graham was hired in June 2014 and went to the NIPSTA Fire Academy. After the Academy Graham dove into the fire prevention bureau. Graham maintains like other firefighters multiple certifications. Graham has worked extensively in public education and most recently has been certified as a hazardous material Technician and assigned to the team. Graham is one of the finest chefs on the department. Graham is the Secretary of the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund. His degree outside of the fire service has been an asset. He uses his personal off duty time to shop for the fire department and has volunteered his time to help the Firefighters Association.

FF/PM Dave Kady (70)



Dave has hired in August 2014. Prior to entering the fire/EMS service Dave was a catcher in the Houston Astro farm league. Dave works in the Fire Prevention Bureau and Public Education. Late afternoon Dave changes hats again and is the shift cook. Dave is multi-talented and can work in all the specified areas of the department. Dave is married with a family

FF/PM Steve Jackson (71)



Steve came to our department October 2014 and brought a sense of humor and willingness to work. Steve's sense of humor and willing to go the extra distance makes him stand out on his shift. Steve took originally to Fire Prevention and soon found a passion in the Division 20 Honor Guard where he has faithfully represented us at numerous occasions. Steve was on the Honor Guard team that participated Nationally for honors. Steve works also with the haz mat team. Steve is married with children.

FF/PM Matt Zydlo (72)



Matt comes to our department in April 2015. Matt was one of our part time paramedics prior to becoming full time and crossing over as a firefighter. Originally matt thought about being a physician assistant but saw the light and entered the fire service. Matt works the fire prevention bureau but found his niche as a Paramedic Preceptor, tutor and mentor. Matt is married with a family.

FF/PM Kevin Blum (73)



Kevin was trained as a firefighter in Prospect Heights prior to coming to Schiller Park. Kevin is a quiet under the radar firefighter who gets the job

done. He regularly works in the fire prevention bureau and does a majority of the shift daily house keeping responsibilities. Kevin is one of the shift cooks.

FF/PM Brandon Rusciollelli (75)



Brandon came to our department on August 6, 2017. In his limited time Brandon has stood out as one of the first probationary firefighters to be assigned a Probationary Leadership Project. Brandon works with the fire prevention bureau and with the Public Education division. Brandon has taken over the House Supply Manager role. Brandon is married with a family.

FF/PM Dan Linehan 76)



Dan was hired in August 2018 and comes from a South Suburban Fire Department. Dan's lineage also has been involved in the fire service as his mom served and retired from the Chicago Fire Department. Dan completed his probationary Leadership Project and has not only worked in the fire prevention bureau but has taken on additional responsibilities and roles within the fire department.

FF/PM Kevin Cywnar (77)



Kevin is our newest hire who just completed probation. Kevin's hire date was June 2019. Kevin has worked in the fire prevention bureau and covid-19 has stymied him as he was suppose to get married during the pandemic. Kevin completed his Probationary leadership Project and was a part time paramedic with Schiller Park prior to being hired full time as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

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



Thanks pumpkin!

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts have resumed fire prevention inspections and are trying to catch up after being on hiatus due to the corona virus.

We will try to catch up if possible and are implementing a self reporting for the smaller "ma and pa" businesses.

We are developing a Self Reporting system for smaller businesses to help facilitate the inspection process once we are able to go out again. We have lost a quarter of the year in doing inspections and re-inspections. We will offer to some businesses the ability to self report and submit documentation both written and with pictures.

B/C Hatcher is still working on plans and reviews for projects that were already in the works. We expect that after the economy opens up again, there will be a flurry of permits and requests.

If there are any business license inquires, they should go through Dee at Community Development. They should not be going to the front office staff. All business license issues will be handled by Community Development.

We will be looking into have businesses over 10,000 square feet number their exit/entrance doors similar to the markings the schools have. We will implement this at the beginning of the calendar year with the new inspection cycle.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes.

We have contacted Code writers to help advise and review. We are looking to have the Village adopt the 2018 International Codes.

A bag has been placed in the vehicles for inspectors when checking Knox Boxes. Inside the bag will be tags to identify keys, marker and Red rubber boots (indicating the Main Key to enter the premises). See Memo from the FPB in the Pass On book.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working are 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.

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.

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

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

All activities are being suspended due to the covid-19 outbreak. With tight budgets we will also be reviewing the FY 21 projects and ability to deliver public education.

Please check the bulletin board in the

kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

Retiree Row and Former Employees

We have heard from several of our retirees and former workers this past month.

FF Carl Schuyler (ret. Badge 16) recently stopped by to have coffee with Chief Chiodo. Like most retirees, can't believe how fast time has gone by.



Letters and Notes

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

A thank you was sent from the Franklin Park American Legion. They stopped by with a card and a donation to the firefighters.

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance sent a note thanking the firefighters for being on the front line.

The Franklin Park Fire department thanked Schiller Park and others for our help at the 3-11 Alarm fire on August 10th.

Our thanks to all the departments who helped with the Box alarm fire here in Schiller Park on August 9th at Sexton Pond.

And Finally...

Set your sights high, the higher the better.

Deadlines

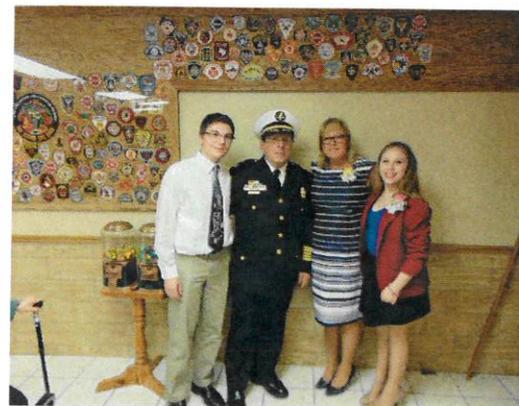
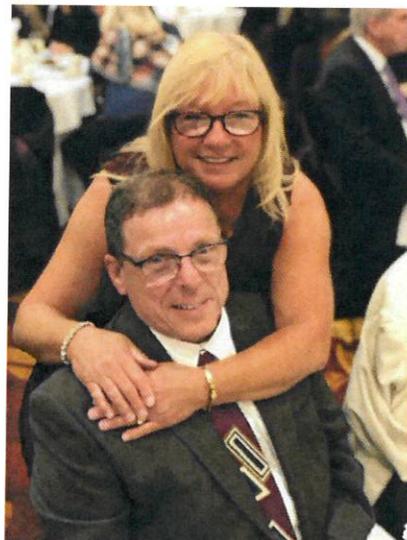
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Wait!,
One More Thing.



As you will see by my attached letter to the Mayor, I have decided to retire after 31 years. Without getting wordy or mushy, it has been a good run. For those of you who were paying attention, each month since January I have been dropping hints and inserting hints that I would be leaving. I'm not sure if this is the last issue of the *Booster Line* that will be published. I hope that it will be reincarnated in some fashion but I know it was a labor of love for my passion of the fire service and this department. From day one that I was sworn in, my father kept asking me when was I going to be Chief? Unfortunately, he never saw that while he was alive, but I know that he saw me everyday from above. My mother, my exceptional wife and three children, Peter, Mark and Rose always considered themselves part of this department and they too made sacrifices in my career. There are too many other people to thank and list, if you are reading this then you are one of those people. I can't thank everyone who helped me and made this dream come true. I had many crazy ideas, some worked out well and some were not so good. But I tried and I did the best I could. Thank

you.







PETER N. CHIODO
FIRE CHIEF

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July 14, 2020

Mayor Nick Caiafa
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9526 W. Irving Park Road
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Mayor,

One of my life's dreams was to become a fireman. I thought it was a pipe dream. I took the test for Schiller Park in 1988 and was fortunate enough to be number 1 on the eligibility list. I was given the chance of a lifetime when my dream job was offered to me and I was appointed September 1, 1989 and given Badge 31.

Over the years I have had the time of my life. I've gone to fires, saved lives in the over 13,000 calls I have responded to. I lived the dream and woke up everyday excited by my profession and the ability to go to work to serve, save and protect.

But in the race to the finish line, Father Time has caught up to me and I have decided that as I complete my 31st year, I will retire September 1, 2020.

I never let the residents, businesses, the Village or my fellow firefighters down. This is the greatest job in the world. I have been privileged to be one of the 28 full time firefighters. I wasn't owed this job, men before me did the job, firefighters who come after me will do the job, I just kept the seat warm for the last 31 years for my replacement who I hope cherishes and loves this job as much as I do.

I hope that I can continue to work in some capacity in the fire service in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter N. Chiodo".

Peter N. Chiodo
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9526 W. Irving Park
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SOUND THE ALARM CHIEF CHIODO IS RETIRING



AFTER **31** YEARS OF
SERVICE

**FIRE CHIEF PETER CHIODO
IS RETIRING 9/1/2020**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR CAKE AND COFFEE, FOLLOWED BY HIS
FINAL WALK-OFF**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

TIME: 2-4 PM FOR CAKE AND COFFEE, 4:00PM START OF OFFICIAL WALK-OFF

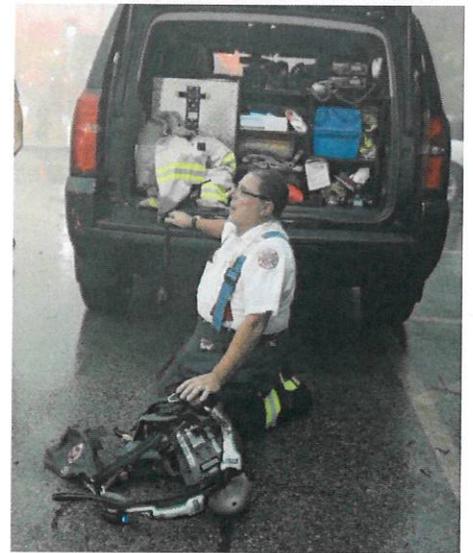
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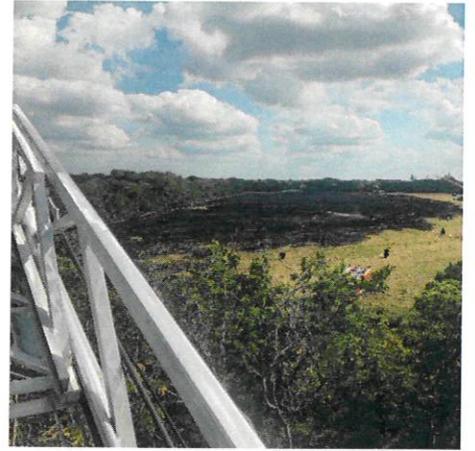
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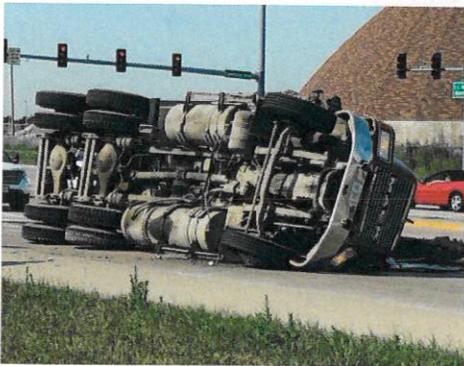
Page 15- Franklin Park 3-11 Alarm Fire 9245 Belmont

Page 16- Sexton Property Brush fire Box Alarm.

Page 17- Rolled over dump truck Mannheim and Lawrence and second roll over on the toll way.







The Final Bell



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