

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 May 9th when Black shift was called for the wires down. Lt. Swiontek and his engine arrived and found that the wires were cable. The cable television company was notified by dispatch to come to the scene.

Black shifts next call took Battalion 5 and Tower Ladder 5 to Rosemont for a reported fire in the kitchen of a business. Units staged awaiting assignment at the fire.

B/C Cesaretti and red shift on May 10th took in a call for smoking batteries in the phone room. At the location A T & T were already on scene in the phone room where they showed the fire department melted and smoking batteries. The batteries were disconnected to de-energize the circuit. A T & T has their own hazardous materials clean up company to take care of the spilled acid from the batteries.

Red shift was then dispatched to an automatic fire alarm. On scene they found a worker using a torch to loosen a bolt had tripped the fire alarm system.

The next call for the shift was for a wire down. Lt. Budnik and Engine 5 took in the call to find it was a Comcast wire. To allow traffic through the crew was able to safely cut the wire and re-locate it.

While Chief Chiodo was fueling his vehicle he heard the loud sound of metal on metal an indication of a crash nearby. He saw near the 9700 block of Irving an accident. He responded and found a car under a cargo truck. He radioed in the call for a pin in response.

(see photo).

After securing this scene and picking up, a fire alarm at a motel sent the response there to investigate. The fire investigative team found a worker cutting wood and the saw dust setting off the alarm.

May 12th found Black shift responding to a car fire. On scene members found the fire and extinguished it. The origin and cause appeared to be in the dashboard area extending into the motor compartment.

A two car accident on May 15th had B/C Hatcher and his crew arrive on scene. With multiple patients B/C Hatcher requested a mutual aid ambulance.

A motorcycle accident on May 18th had Black shift take it in. Motorcycle accidents are notorious for having severe injuries and the mechanism of injury. After securing the scene members transported the patient to a level one trauma center.

FF/PM Santiago acting up on May 20th responded to a trouble alarm. After getting there a maintenance worker indicated that he removed the back up battery from the alarm system while he was waiting for a new one in the mail. He was told the back up is there when the 110v power fails so the system remains operational.

Red shift then on May 25th responded to a fire alarm. The fire investigative team checked the alarm panel which indicated it was a duct detector on the mezzanine level. These detectors sense if there is a fire in any of the duct work to prevent spreading. No problems in this incident were found.

Later in the shift a working fire in Stone Park had them request a Safety Officer to the scene. B/C Cesaretti responded to Command and worked the fire ground until the fire was struck out and he was released.

Lt. Leiser and Gold shift took in a call at a 75 X 200 warehouse for a fire alarm. Pulling up there was nothing showing. Going into the building they

located the source of the alarm in the warehouse baking area setting off a detector.

Black shift on May 30th had units respond to the fire alarm. Welders in the building had inadvertently set off the alarm.

May ended on the 31st with another call for a wire down. Red shift arrived and found a smoking wire. Schiller Park Police offered to stay on scene until Com Ed showed up.

June 2nd and a call from a resident to the fire department for open burning. Lt. Swiontek showed up and informed the resident that they could not burn brush that was wet creating large plumes of white smoke. They were also advised that they could not burn garbage.

Black shifts next call was for an accident involving a car versus a bike. On scene staff treated the bicyclist for injuries sustained.

A guest at a hotel June 3rd used the microwave oven for popcorn a little too long burning it and setting off the fire alarm. Our truck company ventilated the smoke and reset the alarm.

Black shifts next tour of duty on June 5th had another incident in another hotel with burnt food. This time however it was in the hotel kitchen.

Members responding on June 6th to a fire alarm in a business found another occurrence of burnt food setting off a detector.

After picking up from this call they were sent to a call for an elevator rescue. On scene they found the elevator stuck on the third floor. Tag out/Lock out procedures were followed and the doors on the third floor opened.

After returning to quarters Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were sent automatic aid to Norwood Park for smoke in the building of a senior citizen nursing home. On scene our personnel were instructed to report to the second floor to check for fire extension on the fire floor.

Residents cooking in their unit June 9th set off the fire alarm. Tower Ladder 5 brought in their fans to ventilate the building and smoke.

Lt. Budnik and his shift then responded to a residential high rise for a fire alarm. Checking out the building they found that it was a detector in the elevator room. The elevator motor was burned up. The power was shut down and smoke removal initiated. Building maintenance on scene then took over.

A call in the afternoon on the 10th was for a wire down in the alley. Gold shift arrived and found a garbage truck had snagged the wire pulling it down. Members determined it was the phone line and the resident verified that he had no phone service. The utility was contacted to repair.

June 12th had a call for an ambulance assist. When members arrived the family called and stated that the assist was for turning OFF the stove. The stove was turned OFF and the paramedics waited for the family members of the occupant to arrive.

Gold shift responded to a fire alarm on June 14th. The business was closed and access was made via Knox Box. A light haze was present and upon further looking into, it was determined that the recent cutting of marble left dust hanging in the air that tripped the alarm.

The next call for the shift was for a fire alarm in a restaurant. After arriving the manager said that there was no problem. The fire department insisted on checking and found that a CO2 hose/tank combination broke and was leaking. The beverage service company was on scene and the repair was made after all the CO2 leaked out.

June 17th saw a fire alarm in a business go off. At this location the maintenance team indicated that someone had pulled a box at a station. They indicated it was accidental.

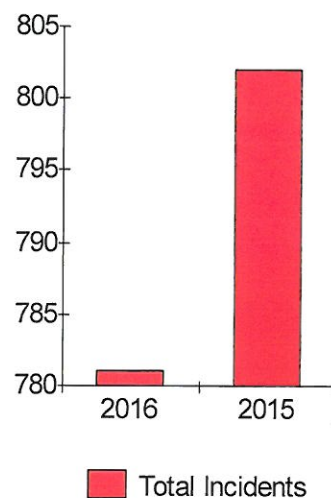
Gold shift was requested by Des

Plaines on June 19th for our Tower Ladder and Battalion for a garage fire.

Our reporting period ends June 19th with a crash and five patients that were seen and treated by the Schiller Park Fire Department before transporting.

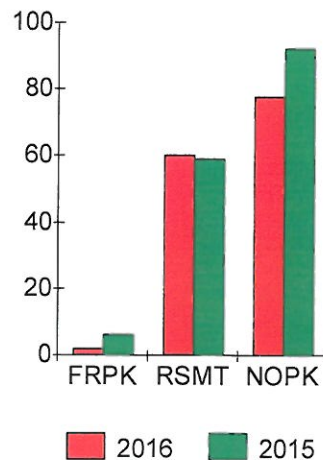
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2015:

Total Incidents



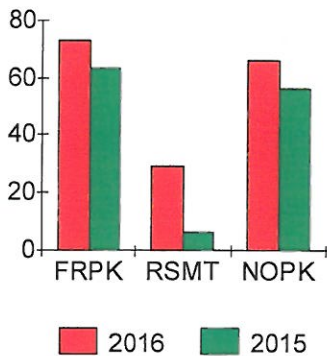
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	781	802

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	6
Norwood Park (NOPK)	78	92
Rosemont (RSMT)	60	59

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	73	63
Norwood Park (NOPK)	66	56
Rosemont (RSMT)	29	6

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission is processing the next candidate to fill the spot added by the Village Board.

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury.

PM Jenkins is off work due to an injury sustained on his off day. Likewise FF/PM Warden is off work as a result of an injury. Hopefully both

will be back to full duty by early August. PM Davis also is recuperating from surgery at home and also expected to return by August. A big thanks to all who have worked extra shifts to cover these shortages. As a result of covering the additional shifts we are moving from filling out paper overtime sheets to logging in to crewsense within 72 hours and filling it out there for review.

We have instituted new Box Cards for responses for Schiller Park. For the most part it was tweeking them. Rosemont will now come on the initial Still with engine and Norwood Park with a truck. A new quick reference guide was created for all the alarms that Schiller Park is due on. All Division 20 updated cards are in the MABAS book in the kitchen, on all the vehicle computers and in dispatch.

The Fire and Police Commission also has certified FF/PM Blum as a full time firefighter/paramedic. Kevin has successfully completed his probation.

Our thoughts to Chief Kenny of Broadview who recently underwent back surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to the two new Deputy Chiefs in Rosemont on their promotions. Deputy Chief Kukulka will take over the Patrol Division and Deputy Chief Mackey will take over the Fire Division. Chief Mackey started off as a paramedic in Schiller Park before being hired in Rosemont.

We will be changing over to Loyola University Medical EMS system. A review over the last year of different systems indicated that a change was in our and the residents best interest. We anticipate that the changeover will be completed by August 1st.

We are looking at different methods to notify residents when we are flushing and flowing hydrants.

We are actively working on the 9-1-1 consolidation and our options. A plan will be submitted by July 1, 2016 and implementation by July 1, 2017. One of our counterparts, Berkeley has chosen to use Cook County for dispatch. Most other communities are currently in NORCOMM.

The Village continues to work on the comprehensive plan. A website for ideas can be accessed at www.schillerparkcivicpage.com. Several community meetings are planned for input.

A July 4th parade will start at the firehouse and finish at Stalica Park with refreshments and games. The Mayor also is looking to have as many persons take the Bicycle Safety Challenge quiz at www.bikesafetyquiz.com. If you get the certificate you can bring it to the picnic for a prize.

We are also moving along with the replacement of Tower Ladder 5. The Village has authorized us to begin soliciting bids for our Tower Ladder. Lt. Budnik is working on the new drawings. Thanks to all who helped design the size of compartments and with the demonstrator that was here tool placement etc.

We are looking at getting voluntary compliance with numbering or lettering the stairways in our multi-story buildings. This would aid residents and firefighters in identifying the fire attack and evacuation stairways.

Another project is to identify which elevators our stretchers can be fit in by placing a Star of Life on the elevator(s) that we can get our stretcher into laying completing flat. Black shift has purchased the identifiers and will begin implementing this project.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

Items worked on and happenings around the firehouse this month include:

The "H" breathing air tank mounted on Tower Ladder 5 was sent out for hydro-static testing. It passed and has been placed back on the truck.

We also had this past month the air conditioner on Engine 5 repaired.

Squad 5 returned from the shops. Lt. Budnik had a laundry list of items requiring attention that have now been taken care of.

The Gas Trac from Tower Ladder 5 was also repaired by sensit gold and returned in service and placed back on the rig.

Other items throughout the firehouse included:

A repair has been made on the knob on a SCBA cylinder and its regulator.

As a reminder all small engines should have the gas caps on tools and equipment hand tightened.

Around the firehouse Lt. Budnik also had all the fire extinguishers in the Village and on our vehicles serviced with the annual tag.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

As mentioned in the Chief's column we will be switching EMS systems. Loyola will be here to answer any questions that you may have and relieve any anxiety. Rather than rumor or stress spread, see Lt. Swiontek for any questions or concerns. Part of being in Loyola's system is that you have ACLS certification. We have provided that training to everyone. If

you missed it please let Lt. Swiontek or B/C Cesaretti know.

Please also reference the Loyola University Medical Centers website for continuing education and other information that you will need as we go through the transition.

Preventive maintenance was completed on Ambulance 5 this past month.

Ambulance 461 had the exterior battery drawer repaired by Tony.

Lt. Swiontek had the opportunity to participate at Resurrection Hospital with their new plan for re-designing the hospital and emergency room. They are looking for input on not only the hospital but also on the new emergency room which has not undergone a renovation since 1996.

Whenever you transport to any hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

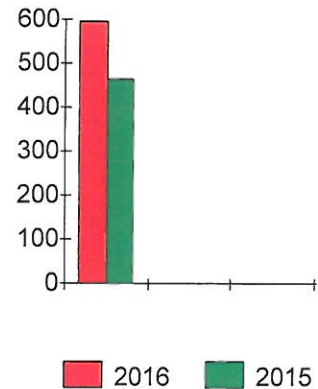
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 127 emergency calls. A total of 124 patients were encountered. 80 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	127	596
ALS Transports	54	277
BLS Transports	26	110
Refusals/MPR's	22	106
Other Non Transports	12	20
Fire Responses	13	79

CPR Students taught	5	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	15
SHPK to others	7	37

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 run it past Lt. Budnik.

FF/PM Bubis and Lt. Budnik are working on a wireless option to open the doors to station 6 on 25th Ave. This will piggy back a signal from 4501 25th (Community Center).

We will install windows on the west side in the Summer after some tuck pointing and lintel work is completed.

We are looking at insulating the old entrance to the firehouse from the radio room to make it more sound proof.

We have been able to complete two projects this past month—mounting the patches and new outside lights at station 6.

What's in the works? –

-Painting the outside overhead doors red

-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
- fully sprinkler the firehouse

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

May Trivia

Where is the oldest Chicago Firehouse (not in use), who was originally housed there and what other use did it serve?

The oldest Chicago Firehouse was at 1244 N. Wells and built in 1874. It originally housed Engine 27. In 1960 it became a Civil Defense firehouse until it was closed in 1978 and became home to a boutique. At about the same time Engine 18, formerly at 1123 W. Roosevelt, was built. It now is a Art Studio.

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

June Trivia

What significant fire in Schiller Park Fire history occurred on Memorial Day weekend 40years ago?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* in order 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.

The State Fire Marshal reimbursed our department for training costs \$7,107.04. This offsets some of our training costs and ensures that we stay current in all fields.

B/C Cesaretti, FF/PM Dehmlow, FF/PM Velasco, and FF/PM Leao all completed Vehicle Machinery Operations (VMO) class work and practicals.

Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Santiago completed the Vehicle Machinery Technician (VMT) class. They will now take the state test.

We will soon be taking a class called traffic incident management. The State will be providing this training. It is voluntary now but will soon be mandatory and be necessary for responses to the toll way. It will fall under the Uniform Manual for Traffic Control which is a Federal mandate.

Chief Chiodo attended the fire investigators Strike Force seminar on investigation report writing.

B/C Cesaretti and Chief Chiodo attended the Divisions Training and Safety Meeting.

The Training Committee is exploring ways of creating a Training Center at Station 6 with props.

I have signed up several members for OSFM classes as part of their job requirements. If you know that you need a class please let me know, I will try to find one, however if you find one on your own please submit the paperwork and maintain a copy for yourself.

Members completed 335 hours of training for the month with 21 training drills. This includes outside classes.

The second Thursday of each month the State Fire Marshal has a testing site at Triton College. They have also instituted a new policy of a government issued picture ID at the test site. If you cannot produce one you will not be allowed in. Likewise they are requesting that all phones be left in the test takers car to help with the integrity of the test (too many camera phones). If you would like to sign up see B/C Cesaretti.

State Exams are a duty assignment and failure to show up will result in disciplinary action. We will try to sign up for exams at Triton on shift days. If you attend a class it is our expectation that you take and PASS the State exam. If you do not pass, you will not be able to take further classes.

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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge FF/PM Santiago, B/C Cesaretti and Frank Banyai as our Employees of the Month.

FF/PM Santiago as a technical rescue specialist was asked by our IT technology provided to assist in installing new antennas on top of the water tower. FF/PM Santiago climbed the exterior of the tower and helped with the installation. Using his knowledge of rigging and ropes he was able to accomplish the tasks for the Village without having to contract it out.

B/C Cesaretti has worked tirelessly with Target Solutions and training. As

part of our move to Loyola EMS he has instituted and coordinated the ACLS classes and sign up and used target Solutions to assist and aid all members.

Our last employee is a thank you to Frank Banyai who will be retiring (again) from the Village after working as an auxillary police officer, dispatcher and public works employee. Frank does plan on doing Meals on Wheels if possible.

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 Cmdr. Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts continue with their 2016 inspections. Each shift received 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections are rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses. The shifts have completed 197 inspections.

B/C Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand attended the Permit Technician class taught by Fire Prevention Solutions.

B/C Hatcher is also re-aligning the Bureau with team shift inspectors. He will meet with the shifts to explain the new approach.

As a reminder when we go on trouble alarms we need to contact the owner to report that the alarm went into trouble and document that on the incident report and in the trouble alarm binder. Midwest may also be doing this as a back up to our call.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see B/C Hatcher. He will review what is coming into town based on what plans Community Development sends over.

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

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to stortz fittings. We have gotten voluntary compliance on most building and soon will be doing an audit on any remaining FDC.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. B/C Cesaretti and Chief Chiodo will have this replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. B/C Cesaretti will advise those needing the class when it is available.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

Members of the fire department participated in many end of year school activities. These included attending the D.A.R.E. graduation, Memorial Day concert, and kindergarten graduations. Members also attended the Lincoln Middle school graduation.

The Fire Department also celebrated the End of School Year with the annual Ice Cream Social. (see photos).

The fire department honored veterans by attending the Village Wall of Honor celebration (see photos).

We will also be looking into a celebration in 2017 of the 50th Anniversary of our fire department being full time.

For Flag Day the fire and police departments were participants with the Boys Scouts for a flag retirement ceremony at Clock Tower park (see photos).

This past month the principal of St. Maria Goretti Christine Weiner is retiring. She has been there for more than a decade. A new principal has not yet been name.

Sixty-three pounds of unwanted pills and drugs were collected at the last prescription pill take back. The Cook County Police will be taking over this task from the DEA.

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

We are also coordinating with other a fire service organizations the implementation and publicizing the "ICE" program (In Case of Emergency) for people's cell phones.

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Retiree Row

Lt. Anderson (ret.) stopped by the firehouse prior to the pension board meeting to say hello and see how everyone was.

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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Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association members also are raising funds for Operation North Pole. This helps major children's hospitals in providing a day of fun and fantasy for families who have a child battling a

life threatening illness. The totals raised will be reported next month.

Stork Report

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A note was received from the Stone Park Fire Department for our assistance at a fire on May 25th. We were able to respond with a Safety Officer.

A note was received from a woman who thanked the fire department for having so much information on our fire department web page concerning fire safety. She and her daughter were doing research when they came across our page and she felt she had to let us know how helpful it was.

Wayne Bernacki, Boy Scout Scoutmaster, thanked our department for our participation in the flag retirement ceremony.

Mr. Murray called to compliment FF/PM Neimand on the outstanding job he did in teaching CPR.

A note was also received by the Mayor from Mr. Alberto Martin, trustee of the fire pension board, thanking the Village for the opportunity to serve. He has chosen to resign. The Mayor is appointing Rob Romo (Village Finance Director).

Chief Schumann sent a thank you for attending fallen firefighter FF/PM Solberg at his wake and by providing an honor guard as the funeral procession moved through Schiller Park (see photos).

Emergency Management

B/C Leiser continues to work with the Village Administrators in trying to get them to complete their NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities.

B/C Leiser is also working on a Mission Statement and Vision Statement for his Bureau.

He has also worked extensively on the web site page to improve communication and tools for the residents.

B/C Leiser also is working with the Archdiocese of Chicago and St. Beatrice on their disaster emergency plan and coordinating it with the Village.

Special Operations

Lt. Leiser continues to coordinate our special operations division. This includes Technical rescue, Fire Investigations and Hazardous Materials.

During the past month fire investigators did respond to River Grove to help with origin and cause.



And Finally...

The Strongest principle of Growth lies in human choice.

Deadlines

The Booster Line is published monthly on or about the 15th. 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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Page 8-Members of fire department and American Legion at Wall of Honor Ceremony.

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Page 11- Boy Scout Flag retirement with Schiller Park Mayor, Fire and Police participation.

Page 12- Schiller Park honors Schaumburg Firefighter and in house stabilization and extrication training.





