

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 June 22nd when FF/PM Bubis responded as the on duty fire investigator to Bellwood for a structure fire. There he aided the other investigators with the origin and cause.

Gold shift on June 24th responded to wires down. This was the first of several calls this month for down wires. FF/Pm Bertocini in charge of the engine found that the wires were telephone and cable wires brought down by a garbage truck in the alley.

Later in the shift a crash on the toll way had our members respond. Because of multiple patients Rosemont was requested to respond with their ambulance.

Picking up from this call, the shift was dispatched to a rollover call. B/C Cesaretti arrived and found a pickup truck on its side. Franklin Park assisted with an ambulance on this call.

The next day, prior to shift change, Red shift took in an automatic fire alarm. They found the front door unlocked and as they entered were greeted by two large dogs. Members retreated and made entry through another avenue. No apparent problems were found.

June 29th found Gold shift called to the toll way for a rollover crash. The vehicles were stabilized and treatment of patients initiated. A mutual aid ambulance was called from Franklin Park to the scene.

The month ended for us on June 30th when our dispatch received a call for smoke on the 5th floor of a building in Schiller Park. After ascending the stairs members did detect a slight

smell of smoke on both 4th and 5th floors. Thermal Imaging cameras were used to trace the source. Ambulance 5 canvassed the area behind the building and found a neighbor using a fire pit and the smoke may have entered the structure where the fire alarm went off.

July 2nd had Schiller Park Police request the fire department for a motor vehicle accident. On scene the shift stabilized the vehicles and assessed the patients. With refusals signed our Police took into custody one of the persons.

A call for wires down on July 6th had Black shift find the wires in the driveway of a residence. The wires were arcing and sparking. Com Ed was called to the scene and was able to de-energized the wires.

After returning to quarters Black shift had a call for burning mulch. On scene it was determined that it was not on fire but due to the rain that had just started.

Picking up from this call the shift took in a call on the toll way for arcing wires and possible fire. The wires that were arcing and smoking were coming out of the jersey barrier and on fire. Members used a dry chemical fire extinguisher and the scene turned over to IDOT.

A call from a resident indicated that a single station smoke detector had been going off for the last hour in an apartment. Upon arrival members entered through an open window where the detector was going off. No problem was found other than a low battery on the detector.

B/C Hatcher and the shift, on the 9th, took in a call from District 15 on the toll way for a roll over. On scene there was severe damage to one of the vehicles and one vehicle that had slid down the embankment. Members extricated the person and a third firefighter accompanied the ambulance to the hospital.

B/C Leiser and Black shift on the 10th took in another crash. Here severe

damage was encountered and Franklin Park ambulance 2 assisted us.

July 11th a working fire in Stone Park had on their Box Card Schiller Park to respond with a Safety Officer. Chief Chiodo took in the Box 199 for multiple patients from a car crash.

Later this morning a motor vehicle accident on the toll way took our crews to the ramp exit at Irving. One car had sustained damage due to debris on the roadway flying up and smashing through the windshield (see photos).

Red shift took in a fire alarm reset on the 13th. On scene a worker claimed he accidentally set it off. Members checked the panel and found that a "Help" button on the fifth floor activated. The button was reset and companies returned to quarters.

Next call for the shift was for a person stuck in the elevator. On scene members found the elevator stuck between floors. Batt. 5 secured the power and remained for the lock out tag out position. Sq 5 was able to open the doors and remove three persons. The elevator repair company was then notified.

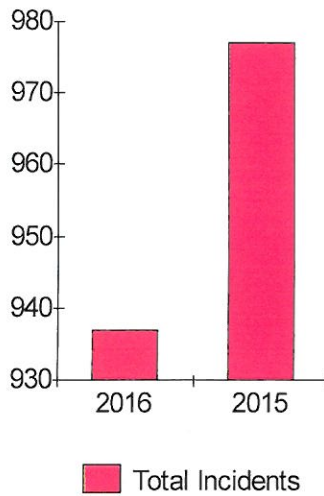
Ambulance 5 was then called to Elmwood Park as part of the EMS Box Alarm assignment. They arrived on scene and treated and transported a patient.

The last call for this period was for a person locked out of their vehicle. Gold shift along with Schiller Park Police assisted in gaining entry into the vehicle.



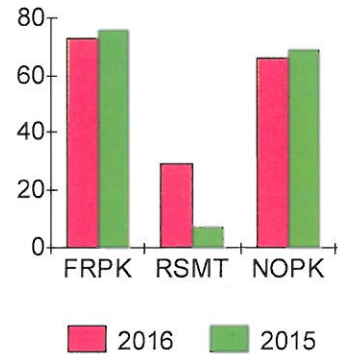
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2015:

Total Incidents



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "From" the following communities:

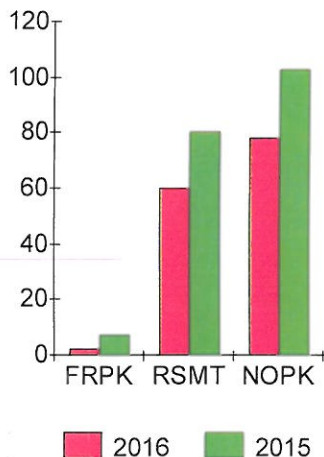
Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	937	977

The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	7
Norwood Park (NOPK)	78	103
Rosemont (RSMT)	60	80

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	73	76
Norwood Park (NOPK)	66	69
Rosemont (RSMT)	29	7

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission has exhausted its current eligibility list. They have set dates for the next exam. We have at least one immediate opening.

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.

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.

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 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 suspended hydrant flushing and will now post signs in the area for resident notification.

We are actively working on the 9-1-1 consolidation and our options. A plan was submitted July 1, 2016 and implementation will occur by July 1, 2017. We are proceeding forward with a consolidation of Harwood Heights, Norridge and Schiller Park.

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 started at the firehouse and finished at Stalica Park with refreshments and games. The Mayor had many persons turn in their certificates for the Bicycle Safety Challenge quiz. (see photos).

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. (see photos)

Our department has expanded the Chaplaincy program. We hope to have more input and make more opportunities available to our personnel. These services are available to all and we encourage you to use them to supplement our EAP.

We welcome back Police officer Mike Marrazzo. Mike was appointed by the Police and Fire Commission as a temporary officer to help while the commission looks to hire three new police officers.

Our condolences to Mitch Kushsner of the OSFM on the passing of his accelerant K-9 dog Raider. Raider worked with fire departments from 2002 until he retired in 2013 on many fire scenes.

We also saw this past month the passing of former Illinois State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitus.

FF/PM Chung has accepted the reins as our Ebay officer. He will be listing and coordinating all surplus equipment for disposal as deemed by the Village Board.

Chief Chiodo is trying to get the Illinois Toll way to install a guardrail at the eastbound exit from I-294. In the past few months we have had two cars go off the ramp resulting in one fatality and one serious condition patient.

Chief Brehm from Franklin Park reports that effective August 1st they will have their command car referred to as Battalion 2. This is in keeping with the Station numbering and a quick reference to the battalion chief. He has also appointed Doug

Halverson and Luke Palermo as new battalion Chiefs.

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 sensit gold monitor has been repaired and returned to truck 5.

We received the division air pack and fit testing equipment. We will work on all SCBA equipment and masks this month.

Members installed on Division 20 Knox box at Station 6.

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.

Everyone also should have completed the Zoll training on the new computer program for report writing. Some members are also going to be administrators. See Lt. Swiontek with questions.

Loyola has left two toughbooks to do practice run sheets. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Loyola has also left in everyone's mailbox a copy of their SOP's.

Triton College is looking for Lead Instructors and Proctors for their classes. If interested contact Bill Justice at Triton.

The Village is tentatively planning the 2016 Flu shots for October 19th from 7-9 AM and October 20th from 3-5 PM.

A window on Ambulance 6 was replaced by Tony this past month.

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.

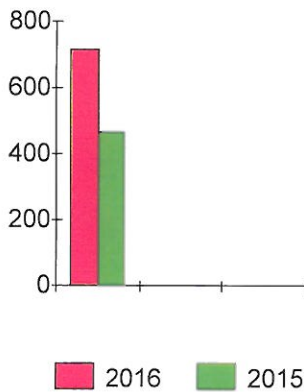
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or

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 121 emergency calls. A total of 123 patients were encountered. 69 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	121	717
ALS Transports	47	324
BLS Transports	22	132
Refusals/MPR's	29	135
Other Non Transports	5	25
Fire Responses	18	97
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	20
SHPK to others	8	45

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.

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

June Trivia

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

This was the infamous Totem Lumber yard fire 1976 that many of us have seen pictures of.

Three correct answers were submitted by Mayor Piltaver, PM Kosar and Jimmy Ziebka.

July Trivia

Why are ambulances sometimes referred to as buses and the origin?

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.

B/C Cesaretti completed Proctor training for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He will now be able to administer State exams.

Members all worked with pool staff this past month on water rescue training.

With the ability to use the old Hostess building for training, multiple training evolutions have been completed there before the building is razed.

Chief Chiodo and B/C Cesaretti attended the Division 20 training officers meeting.

FF/PM Bubis completed three modules on the CFI trainer for fire investigations.

Chief Chiodo attended a seminar on FSLA in Rosemont and Legislative Days at NIPSTA.

Chief Chiodo also completed the transition class for CDL licenses from the Secretary of State.

Members also worked with Rosemont on joint training and responding to CTA "EL" rail emergencies.

Chief Chiodo and B/C Leiser attended the National Highway Safety Board and FBI training on what to do in the event of a plane crash or major transportation incident.

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.

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 298 hours of training for the month with 39 training drills. This includes outside 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 Bubis and B/C Leiser as our Employees of the Month.

FF/PM Bubis brought in his personal rug and carpet cleaner and did the carpeting in the classroom. It is amazing how much dirt was extracted.

Our second employee B/C Leiser was able to secure a grant for the department that will allow us to get a fire extinguishing demonstrator that can be used in acquired structures or training towers. We can then use handlines to see how effective we are in putting out fires. The grant was for over \$8,000.

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 283 inspections.

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

The Quality Inn (former Days Inn) has filled in their outdoor pool and paved it over adding additional parking spaces.

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 sturtz 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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

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

A new prescription pill take back will occur October 22nd from 10-2 PM.

We are working on our September 11th program and encourage everyone to attend at 7 P.M.

The Knights of Columbus are having a Blue mass honoring all first responders. It will be held at St. Beatrice at the 5:30 mass on September 10th. All faiths are welcome and it will be dress uniforms.

The Schiller Park Police are sponsoring the national Night Out on August 2nd at the pool. Come out and support this project.

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.

Retiree Row

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.

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.

The Association is planning on having its annual picnic on September 17th. More details to follow.

Stork Report

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

We received a sad note from Ms. Barbara Siwek (her husband Gene was a volunteer/POC). Gene passed away last year and she had been receiving the Booster Line. After some hard soul searching she has requested not to get it any longer as Gene passed away and she knows almost no one anymore. If you would like their address to stay in contact with the family please drop me a note.

Ms. Vogel sent a note to the fire department along with cookies thanking them for responding to a call

from her medic-alert. She had tripped it inadvertently and the firefighters were wonderful in responding and re-setting the alarm.

Our last note was from Jimmy Ziebka thanking us for helping put out a fire in Norwood park last month. He lives next door and our efforts prevented any damage from his property. (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 Bellwood and Norwood Park to help with origin and cause.

And Finally...

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

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.

Page 7- Pictures of Norwood Park Fire

Page 8-Top left clockwise-Training at Hostess. Truck 5 used to work on antenna and fixing flag. Parade pictures of 4th of July and picnic.

Page 9- Members practice using struts and extrication. Rollover accident on tollway July 11th

Page 10- E-One truck demo and us training and practicing operations.



