

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 August 14th when a call from residents complained of a weird smell. Members of Red shift with monitors began to see levels of carbon monoxide rise as they investigated. When they got to the second floor they found in one apartment residents who said they were in the closed apartment all day long smoking hookahs. After ventilating the levels returned to normal.

The next day Gold shift had FF/PM Leao and PM Ostrand respond to Bensenville on an EMS Box Alarm. Our ambulance was the change quarters company responding to additional calls in their community.

August 17th Black shift responded with battalion 5 and Tower ladder 5 to Maywood for a structure fire. On scene our crew of four was assigned as the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).

After shift change Red shift took in a call late in the afternoon for a person who fell off a ladder. At the scene the person had fallen off the ladder approximately 25 feet into a below grade pit. The man was working on top of a machine making a repair when he fell. The pit was another 20 feet below grade. Crews found him at the bottom of the pit. The shift did a tag out lock out procedure to prevent the machine from being turned on while the fire department was working to extricate him. The patient was secured to a backboard and carried up the stairs that led out of the pit. A third FF/PM went with the ambulance to the Level One trauma center.

The next call for Red shift was for an unresponsive person on the toll way oasis. After State Police and our crew

arrived, dispatched notified crews that the unresponsive person was actually a person sleeping in his SUV.

A severe rain storm struck Schiller park on the 18th which flooded both viaducts. As things happen we received a call for smoke in the building. Lt. Budnik requested Franklin Park start in while we traveled to Belmont to get around the tracks. He further had Norwood Park stage on our front apron should another call come in on the east side of the viaducts. Franklin Park arrived and the owner stated that when the power went out he thought he smelled smoke. Investigating with monitors and cameras nothing was found.

A lock out of a resident on the 18th had Lt. Leiser and his crew take it in the help the resident get back into their apartment. As they arrived the resident was able to gain entrance on their own.

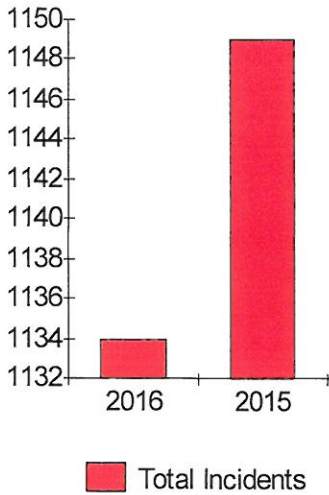
Gold shift next took in a call for water leaking from the ceiling. The engine arrived on scene and was met by the owner. She stated that water was leaking into her apartment from the unit above. The landlord showed up and the unit above was entered where the landlord was able to plug the leak. The landlord stated that he would help with the cleanup.

The final call of the reporting period was for the smell of smoke in the building on the 18th. On scene the shift was met by the owner who stated he smelled something burning but saw no smoke. Upon investigation crews found a computer in an office that overheated. The power to the computer was disconnected and the smell dissipated.



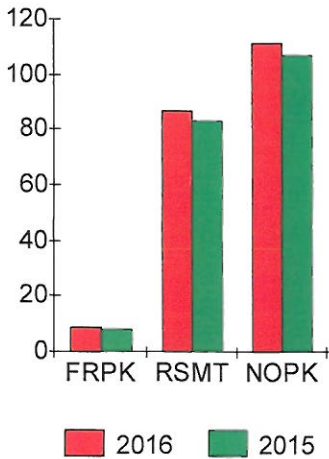
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Total Incidents



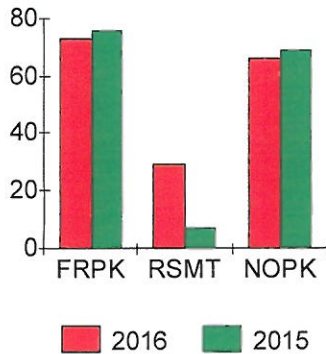
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of July 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	1134	1149

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	9	8
Norwood Park (NOPK)	111	107
Rosemont (RSMT)	87	83

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	108	82
Norwood Park (NOPK)	90	70
Rosemont (RSMT)	62	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 two immediate opening.

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

PM Jenkins has submitted his papers

indicating that he has chosen to retire. August 14th was his last day. Mike has been a dedicated employee for 28 years including his part time service prior to taking a full time spot. Mike broke in almost every part time paramedic in the last 20 years as the "front" ambulance took the brunt of calls. Mike is the last full time civilian paramedic through attrition. The fire department took over the former EMS Department in 1995 and all new hires on the fire department are cross trained as firefighter/paramedics. We will honor Mike at the September 15, 2016 Village Board meeting and later in October the Association will host a party. Thank you VERY, VERY much for your time, bedside manner and friendship. We won't be the same without you.

FF/PM Warden returned to work after an injury. We are glad to have her back. PM Davis continues his recuperation from surgery at home.

Our condolences to the Stephens family in Rosemont at the passing of retired Chief Don Stephens II. Chief Stephens was the head of the Rosemont Public Safety Department rising through the ranks to Superintendent. He spent over 43 years of his life in service to the community. He won several awards while in active service. After retiring he remained active with the Fire and Police Commission and continued to provide mentoring to succeeding members of the Public Safety Department. Members of our department attended the memorial and extend our prayers and thoughts.

If anyone is interested in supporting out Schiller Park Police Department, the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) is selling t shirts "Blue Lives Matter." This is a great opportunity to show and share our togetherness with our law enforcement first responders.

I am working with the Village Engineer to get the toll way to add a guard rail on the eastbound ramp

from I-294 to Irving. The toll way is sending the request to their engineering department for analysis. This comes after two serious incidents where the vehicles went off the ramp and down the incline with serious consequences.

Our congratulations also go out to several of our neighboring fire departments. After 25 years FF Rob Wright retired from the Franklin Park fire department. Franklin Park also promoted Doug Halverson and Luke Palermo to battalion Chiefs.

As long as we are talking about personnel, here are some of our statistics as of this past May 1, 2016.

	B	R	G
Avg. Experience	10.5	11	9.2
Avg. Age	37.6	36.7	39.6
Department			
Overall Experience	10.2 years		
Average Age	38.57 years		

The Village placed an epoxy sealant on the floor in the basement this past month and also light sensors to save on electrical costs. It is a cleaner and friendlier place.

A note from Anna concerning health insurance reimbursements. The deadline is September 30th at 5:00 for her to process the paperwork. Please provide her with the EOB's from BC/BS. As a result of Obamacare you will receive a 1099 tax form to assist you in completing your 2016 tax return.

The change to Loyola University Medical EMS system was seamless. We appreciate all the work that was done in preparation of the move.

We have been using horse to notify residents when we are flushing and flowing hydrants. So far the shifts have done an admirable job of moving the barricades and passing on to each shift the sections of town that we will be working in.

We are working on the 9-1-1 consolidation and have had several very productive meetings. Many hours of work have gone into creating a new, better and more efficient system. 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.

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. The committee has finalized the new drawings and we now await final Village approval.

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.

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.

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 which Black shift completed was 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 had purchased the identifiers and 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:

This past month we found that Tower Ladder 5 needed new rear brakes. Global came out to pick up the vehicle for a ride to Aurora where they were repaired/replaced. The rig returned and is back in service.

Tony further worked on Tower Ladder 5 by replacing the A/C switch. He then repaired the auto air eject on the vehicle.

After completing the work on the truck, Tony worked on Car 5 by repairing the driver side door lock.

We received the division air pack and fit testing equipment. Everyone completed the fit testing with both their SCBA and CBRN masks. Lt. Budnik also set up with the police to have their masks fit tested. FF/PM Bertoncini will work this month on the regulator annual checks.

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

Lastly, we are still recovering from a lightning strike the building took during one of the recent storms. It did some serious damage to some electrical components of our emergency generator causing us to manually start it up in the event of a power outage. This did occur once while we awaited the electrical

components. Our thanks to Ben Delaney and Ed Price for their work on getting back up and running.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

As mentioned in the Chief's column the switch to Loyola's EMS system went very smoothly. Please refer to the memo on documenting refusals per Loyola's procedure.

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.

As part of the transition the members wanted to thank Ginny Logan and Cindy Brennan who came out three times a month from Resurrection Hospital, an associate hospital of Northwest Community, to do continuing education. A cake and coffee was held in the fire department kitchen and plaques presented to each. Chief Deegan (ret.) and EMSD Nosek (ret.) also both showed up to thank them. (see photos).

I also want to thank Mike Jenkins for his dedication to our EMS department. Mike saw the transition from an EMS department to a Fire Department. Mike took nearly 100% of the calls. He was extremely compassionate and never had a steady partner as he worked almost exclusively with part time paramedics. Mike received several commendations over his career and countless letters and thanks. He worked with public education in the schools and CPR. Our thanks and the residents go out to him. We will miss him not only on calls but in the kitchen, wandering the halls, playing the guitar and sharing his wisdom and experience. Good Luck!!!

We have added several more part time paramedics to our roster. These include PM Dickerson, March, Kidd

and Miller. These will help fill our roster and aid with the IMRF 1,000 hour rule. Please work with and help our new personnel so that we can continue to provide the best care to all we encounter.

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.

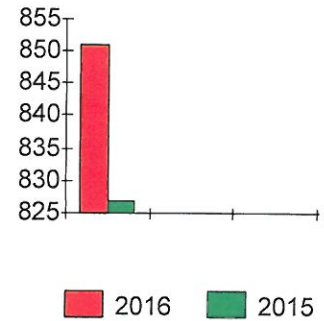
Whenever you transport to any hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 134 emergency calls. A total of 133 patients were encountered. 83 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	134	851
ALS Transports	56	380
BLS Transports	27	159
Refusals/MPR's	32	167
Other Non Transports	4	29
Fire Responses	14	111
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	12	32
SHPK to others	11	56

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 Fall 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

July Trivia

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

They are referred in some areas as buses because often some people abuse the ambulance and use it like a taxi. They are also referred to as buses because Laidlaw Corporation has invested heavily in buying different ambulance companies. Laidlaw is best known for the extensive school buses that they operate across the United States.

No Correct answers were submitted.

August Trivia

When and why were emergency lights placed on fire apparatus?

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.

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 308 hours of training for the month with 24 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 Lt. Swiontek as our Employee of the Month.

Lt. Swiontek took on the year long project of reviewing and comparing all of the current EMS systems. It was then his recommendation that Loyola Medical System was the best system for our residents. He worked with Dr. Cichon and the staff at Loyola to make the transition seamless. He

also worked internally with our personnel to make sure that they were ready by August 1st coordinating many of the behind the scenes activities.

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 294 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.

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 storz 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. Walgreens corporation has indicated that they will begin a year round take back program. We will try to work with our local Walgreen to see if the Schiller Park branch will be one of the sites chosen.

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

The Irving Park Cemetery is again sponsoring its 9/11 ceremony at 11:30 with lunch to follow. We have been asked to participate.

The Knights of Columbus are having a Blue mass honoring all first responders. It will be held at St. Beatrice at the 5:00 mass on September 10th. All faiths are welcome and it will be dress uniforms.

The Schiller Park Police sponsored the National Night Out on August 2nd at the pool. Members of our

department were on hand to help out where needed.

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

Lt. Kwiat's son contacted Chief Chiodo and said dad is doing well and that if you are interested in visiting Chet, please call and make arrangements.

Chief Deegan (ret.) stopped by for coffee with the shift this past month and Lt. Anderson (ret.) stopped by to say hi en-route to a pension board meeting.

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 will be hosting its annual Thank You to all Village employees on September 23rd. This years theme is Festa Italiano and will be held on the apparatus floor from 11:30 to 1:00. Mangia.

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

FF/PM Velasco has indicated that the

house fund is running low. If you are a full timer please see him, \$60 and if you are a part timer \$30.

Stork Report

The stork whispered into the Bubis's ears that he will be making a delivery to them of a baby boy in early 2017. Congratulations to Beth and Tim!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

Mayor Piltaver thanked the Fire Department for our presence and participation in the National Night Out held August 2nd. Asst. Cmdr. Hehn also thanked the members for helping out and assisting at the games and handing out hot dogs.

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.

We are working on a beta version of a tweeter account that we hope to see up and running soon.

Special Operations

Lt. Leiser continues to coordinate our

special operations division. This includes Technical rescue, Fire Investigations and Hazardous Materials.

And Finally...

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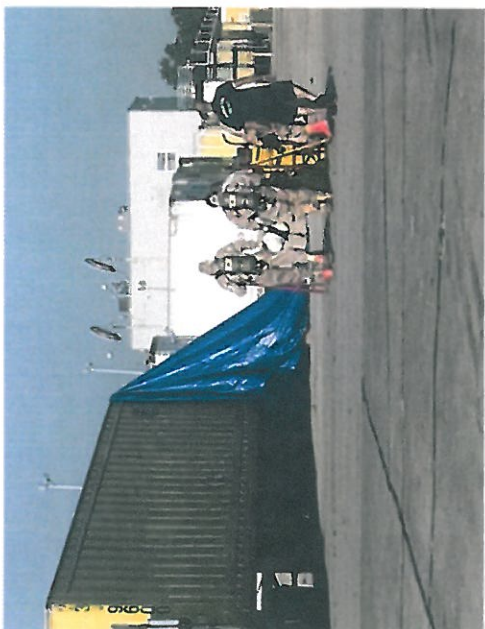
Deadlines

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.

Page 7- Hillside Fire Department requested a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm on August 2nd. Chief Chiodo, battalion Chief Leiser and Haz Mat Tech Dehlow responded. The product was leaking inside a trailer on site. Team members donned the appropriate level suits and were able to control and stop the leak.

Page 7- 8- Members thank Ginny Logan and Cindy Brennan from Resurrection for all the years of coming to Schiller Park and teaching Continuing Education.

Red Shift attends National Night Out



Thank You!

