

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 March 14th with Gold shift going to the toll way for a motor vehicle accident. The crash involved a semi and car involved and the need for extrication of the patient in the car. The drivers door was removed and the person untangled from the seat before transport.

March 15th saw Red shift respond with the Tower and Battalion 5 to Franklin Park for the working fire. On scene Battalion 2 assigned Schiller Park as the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).

Black shift on March 16th took in a fire in an apartment building. When Engine 5 arrived they were told by the tenant that it was a toaster fire and that they used their fire extinguisher. The area was checked and the person told to have their fire extinguisher re-charged.

Later in the day a call was received of a fire behind a building. Gold shift took in the call to find a business burning construction debris outside. The fire was put out with 1500 gallons of water after connecting to a hydrant.

An automatic fire alarm at the toll way plaza on March 18th had a response that found the pizzeria’s alarm going off due to an oven being opened and the steam triggering the alarm.

B/C Hatcher and Gold shift took in a vehicle fire on March 19th on the toll way. Pulling up to the scene members found visible fire and flames emulating from the engine compartment and extending into the passenger compartment. Because Engine 5 was on previous call Squad 5 took this call and was backed up by

Franklin Park Engine 2.

Gold shift next on March 20th took in a roll-over accident on Mannheim. Arriving they found a vehicle on its roof. We requested a second ambulance from Franklin Park to aid in transport of patients.

March 22nd had Gold shift again respond to a fire alarm. This time the cause was that the business was doing spray painting in a booth and the over spray set off one of the detectors.

The afternoon of the 24th had Red shift take in a fire alarm in an apartment building. The fire investigative team found that a detector was activated due to someone dis-charging a fire extinguisher and the powder triggering the activation.

A potential car fire came in from NORCOMM on March 25th. When our members arrived on the scene it was determined that there was no fire but that the missing oil cap may have had some spillage causing smoke from under the hood.

Black shift March 29th had a fire alarm in an apartment complex. Engine 5 checking the units found one resident indicate that they burned food on the stove. All additional companies were held up.

Members of Red shift were dispatched for smoke in the building on March 30th. Tenants said they saw smoke in the basement. Engine 5 investigating found heavy smoke in the lower area and pulled the skid load of hose. Truck 2 began a primary search of the floors above the fire. The engine located the fire in the bathroom of one of the units and were able to extinguish it with a simple pump can. No extension of fire in any area.

The next call this day involved a return to the toll way for a possible fuel leak from a truck carrying hazardous materials. This called involved 2 semi-trucks with light poles down and cargo on the roadway. There was no breach to the fuel tanks

nor the hazardous cargo and toll way worker were taking over to clean up the load on the pavement and restore traffic.

Engine 5 took in a carbon monoxide call on March 31st and found elevated levels of 70 ppm. The oven appeared to be the cause and our ambulance evaluated the occupants. They were instructed not to use the oven and the report was also forwarded to our Community Development department.

April 1st had Black shift take in the fire alarm. En-route our dispatch informed the responding units that they received a 9-1-1 call that there was smoke in the building. Engine 5 and the group arrived and found a small fire contained in the kitchen stove. A pump can put it out and the building was ventilated.

A motor vehicle accident April 3rd had our personnel find three vehicles involved. One was on its roof. Members established a safe working area and treated all patients.

Schiller Park Fire Companies responded to a report of water flowing out of a hotel room on April 4th. When members arrived they were told that maintenance tried to fix a plumbing problem and instead broke a water line flooding the immediate area and water flowing down three floors to units below. Our members were able to stop the water flow and assisted with salvage and overhaul to help hotel staff and guests.

April 6th saw Lt. Leiser and his shift respond to smoke coming from a building. Upon arrival they indeed had smoke and a fire in a lower unit. The alarm was elevated to a working fire followed by the Box. Still and Box alarm companies worked the fire as they chased it through plumbing chases and the walls from the lower level to the 3rd floor and attic. The fire was contained to 6 units in the building and several families were displaced. The fire is under investigation.

A fire alarm in a business had Gold shift respond on April 9th. When

members entered the occupancy they found that a smoke machine generated enough smoke to set off the alarm.

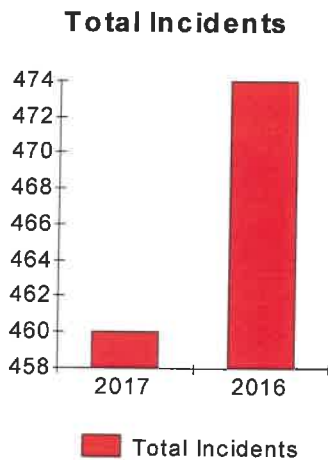
April 9th also found a vehicle leaking gasoline. Members were able to use plug and dike to slow and control the leak. The owner of the car had already called for a tow truck.

The next day Gold shift took in a call on the toll way for a rolled over vehicle with air bag deployment. Members found the rollover and were able to remove the patient from the scene and transport.

Black shift on April 11th responded to a car fire. On scene the 1 ¾ inch line was pulled and the fire put out with approximately 500 gallons of water.

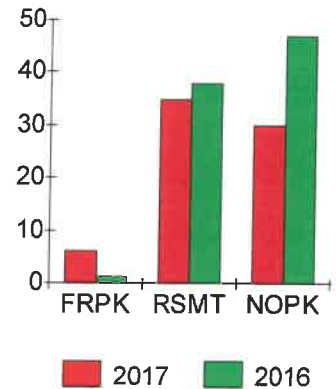
The last call of the reporting period was for a lady bitten by a dog on April 11th. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2016:



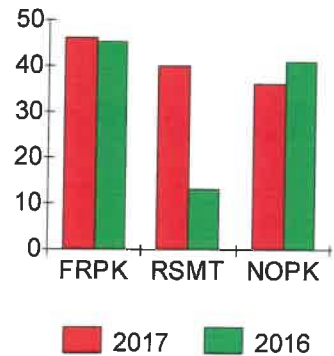
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of March 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	460	474

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	6	1
Norwood Park (NOPK)	30	47
Rosemont (RSMT)	35	38

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	46	45
Norwood Park (NOPK)	36	41
Rosemont (RSMT)	40	13

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission have posted the Final Lieutenants Exam results. Congratulations to all the members on the list you are all qualified candidates.

The Fire and Police Commission also is revising and updating all the Rules and Regulations for the Commission. We hope to have them by May 1st. There will be significant changes.

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury. Vito will have a pension hearing on May 18th.

The Village has hired a new interim Public Works Director. Mr. Ridder will be aided by the foremen of both the street and water departments.

We were asked this past month to assist the Recreation Department with delivery of the Easter Bunny to the Egg Hunt.

Division 20 Chiefs have requested that all department update and review their Box Cards for distribution this summer. We are checking our current cards to see what tweeking needs to be done.

We will hold a Foreign Fire Insurance meeting on April 25th. Secretary Loch has accepted suggestions and purchase ideas for the agenda which will be available in the kitchen.

E-One, the builder of our new ladder truck, is busy working on putting her together. They have updates on their website and its progress. Expected delivery is mid-June. We will train with it before placing in service. A number of other communities around the country have expressed an interest in our tower ladder and Lt. Budnik is working out any offers.

(See photos).

As we approach of 50th Anniversary as a full time department, we have ordered commemorative badges. Those who ordered should have them by May 1. 2017. We will allow members to wear these shirts May 1 to September 1st.

We have also re-designed our department t-shirts to have a new logo incorporating all our front running apparatus. These shirts will be available shortly. These will be the only Class C shirts after September 1st.

The Firefighter Association is sponsoring Autism with department shirts. These can be worn from April 1st until September 1st.

The Municipal Consolidated Dispatch Center is coming along. The target date for transferring into it is June 22nd, 2017. Currently an Executive Director is being advertised for. The new center will consist of a minimum of 15 personnel.

We have applied for a SAFER grant from the federal government to increase our staffing by three. We will find out within the next year if we are awarded the grant. We have not heard any information on our second grant for an air exhaust system.

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 "Q" siren on Battalion 5 went out this month. It was sent in for repair and was re-installed by Tony.

We have found that the knox box

release is inoperable in Battalion 5. We have updated software and did as much trouble shooting as possible. Lt. Budnik is now working on a replacement.

FF/PM Bertocini has added a traffic interruption button on the west wall for the signal at Wesley. This will allow the Truck to control the signal on automatic aid runs.

One of Lou's next projects was to replace the air line pipes above the truck that had snapped off. The air line is now replaced and ready for use with the tower ladder.

Lt. Budnik is working with Sensit Gold to have our monitor repaired. He is also looking at budgeting for a replacement.

Chief Chiodo is limiting the use to calls and incidents only for Tower Ladder 5. We are trying to reduce any additional wear and tear as it is up for sale. Please use 458 for inspections and other non-incident activities.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

An update on PM Jim Davis. He is still home recovering from surgery. He will have his final surgery soon. He is anxious to get back to work at both his primary job and here. He hopes to be back by July 1st.

Division 20 is developing a policy for the Rescue Task Force. It will be available shortly. We are in the process of obtaining personal protective equipment as part of this policy which will be kept on the rigs.

The Rescue Task Force concept is for large scale incidents. All members will be trained with the appropriate safety equipment. We will work not only with the division but also our police department.

The Village has donated our old ambulance 461 to the non-profit 5-11 Club organization. They will be

converting it into a canteen that will be available to us by the end of the year.

Our mechanic Tony worked on the brakes on Ambulance 5 (463) this past month. It is back in service.

Please review Lt. Swiontek's Memo concerning Loyola's EMS System. A new part of the Policy and Procedure now states that on the Drug Logs your signature and your Loyola system number next to your signature shall be included. One reason is because the paramedics signatures were not always legible and often appeared scribbled so that you did not know who signed.

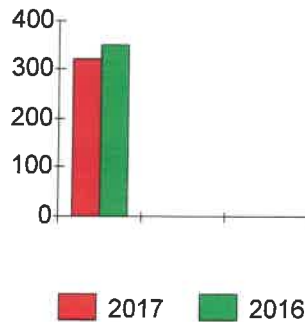
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 102 emergency calls. A total of 99 patients were encountered. 71 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	102	321
ALS Transports	43	140
BLS Transports	28	81
Refusals/MPR's	15	57
Other Non-Transports	4	9
Fire Responses	12	34
CPR Students taught	12	15
Mut. Aid to SHPK	7	17
SHPK to others	2	12

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).

FF/PM Bubis has installed and trained the shifts on the smart board in the classroom. This will replace the old dry erase and will be able to be connected to the computer for training. The classroom will be available to other Village departments for training. If they need assistance with the tools in the classroom please help them.

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

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

March Trivia

What two significant fires in the '70s/early '80s underscored the connection between toxicity on the fire ground and firefighter cancer?

The Telephone Company Fire in New York City on February 27, 1975 and the Chemical Control Corporation in Elizabeth, New Jersey on April 21, 1980.

Only one correct answer was received from Cmdr. Ed Ladonsky of the Schiller Park Police Department.

April Trivia

What was the name of the 1740's inventor of the "traditional" leather fire helmet with a wide brim and tall crown?

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.

Our new airpack have arrived and training will continue for the next few weeks before going into service. Please spend time everyday getting familiar with the air pack and its features.

FF/PM O'Leary graduated the NIPSTA Fire Academy and returned to Gold shift. (see photos)

Lt. Budnik and B/C Cesaretti are hosting a Vehicle Machinery Operations (VMO) class June 5-9th. They will be looking for our own instructors. Please see them if interested in teaching and you hold a VMO and Instructor I certificate.

FF/PM Schneider and FF/PM Santiago both completed Incident Safety Officer, part of the State Fire Marshal program, 40 hour class this past month. They await certification.

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Budnik completed Elevator Operations and Rescue classes in Carol Stream.

Both Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Dehmlow attended the monthly division 20 Hazardous Materials training.

Honor Guard monthly training was completed by FF/PM Jackson for the Division.

Chief Chiodo attended the seminar "Community Risk Reduction" Part 2 along with ISO changes.

B/C Cesaretti and Chief Chiodo attended the NIPSTA seminar on Firefighter Behavior and Health. The second section was on Ethics in the fire service.

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 319 hours of training for the month with 22 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/				
Classes	22	319	80	1614

The State Fire Marshal and Triton have changed the test dates for 2017. The first half of the year they will be held at Triton on Thursdays, the second half of 2017 they will be held

on Wednesdays. Please consult with the Training Officer to sign up at this center or another testing site.

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

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

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

Employee of the Month

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

Tim did the research on what type of Smartboard that we needed and was able to negotiate the best price saving a substantial amount of money.

After receiving the unit Tim then coordinated setting up the smart board, the internet and network connections and instructed each shift in its use.

Tim helped Lt. Budnik, install the new SCBA tracking system for accountability on the fire ground into Battalion 5 computer. This will aid in managing the system at incidents.

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

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other

persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Chief Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts are working on their 2017 inspections. Each shift received 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

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

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

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

A letter has gone out to all the businesses with sprinkler systems. After asking for voluntary compliance we are now mandating that all sprinkler connections be outfitted with a stortz connection. Because of our hose lays it is easier to support the system with more water and less friction loss. B/C Leiser is heading this up and it should be completed by June 1st.

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.

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

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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

Our Brothers and Sister in Blue (Police Officers) Fraternal Order of Police for Schiller Park has organized their annual Golf Outing for August 4th. See any FOP member for information and in putting your foursome together.

Member taught 7th and 8th Graders CPR this past month at St. Maria Goretti.

FF/PM Leoa represented our department at the Career Fair at Lincoln school on March 24th.

The Schiller Park Recreation Department stopped by with their Day Care charges for a tour of the firehouse led by Red shift members.

The Knights of Columbus have asked us to participate in the second Blue Mass at St. Beatrice on September 10th. It is a way to honor all police officers and firefighters who serve. They will send out invites to all area police and fire departments. Last year we had several other departments send representatives to the Mass and blessing.

We worked with the Recreation Department in helping them deliver the Easter Bunny for the annual Egg Hunt April 15th.

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

We are also planning a celebration May 6th of the 50th Anniversary of our fire department being full time.

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

Our congratulations to Chief Deegan (ret.) on his victory in the recent Schiller Park elections. Chief Deegan was elected to a four year term as a Trustee and will be sworn in at the May Village Board meeting.

Ballots went out to the retirees to vote for their representative on the Pension Board. Lt. Anderson (ret.) seat is up for election. The tally should be announced at the May 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 sponsoring Autism this coming summer. We will be selling t-shirts to the public and also allow the firefighters to wear them on shift to show support.

For more information see the flier in

the kitchen or contact one of the Association officers.

Stork Report

The stork stopped by this reporting period to let us know of three births.

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A letter was received commending Black shift for the response and treatment that they provided a resident on an ambulance call April 1st. The writer commented on the professionalism and compassion the crew showed his parents. Thanks to FF/PM Chung, Farias, Leao, Miletta and PM Hughs.

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.

Chief Leiser awaits feedback from the Village Board on revising the Village disaster plan. It is 287 pages and is being reviewed by the Village Board prior to being submitted to Cook County Homeland Security.

We await delivery of the awarded AED's from a grant from IDPH. We will also place an AED on Tower 5 and Chief 5 car.

We are applying for a grant from Firehouse Subs for a zodiac boat, motor and trailer. We hope to replace the one stored at the water tower which is cumbersome and not practical.

We continue to move forward with the 9-1-1 consolidation. The steering committee is working with all three communities and our consultant.

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...

The mystery of life isn't a problem to solve, but a reality to experience.

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- FF/PM O'Leary graduates the fire Academy at NIPSTA. Chief Chiodo and B/C Hatcher pose with FF/PM O'Leary after graduation.

Page 8- Car fire on I-294 March 19th.

Page 9-12 E-One has our new Truck 5 (454) in production. The cab is built, wired and painted and the body is nearly complete. The ladder is being built and will be mounted shortly.









