

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 April 18th when a fire in Bellwood had them request a Box Alarm. Due as a Safety Officer was Chief Chiodo who responded to the scene.

An automatic fire alarm on April 20th had Red shift respond to the commercial building and find that there was a broken Pull Box that triggered the alarm.

Black shift took in a call on April 22nd for a smell of gas in the building. Arriving Engine 5 took their monitor and checked the common areas. Finding no problem they put the sensor near the bottom of the apartment doors. At one apartment our instruments begin to detect elevated readings. A kitchen window which was opened had our probe detect even higher concentrations. Engine 5 requested Battalion 5 to the scene as they saw on the stove the gas knob in the “ON” position with no flame. No one was answering the door and battalion 5 decided to force the door. When the door was initially struck, the occupant yelled. The ambulance assessed the tenant and the apartment was ventilated after the gas was turned off.

April 24th saw a high power line come down and fall in an alley. Engine 5 responded and secured the scene until Com Ed arrived.

The next day Black shift took in a dumpster fire behind a multi-family building. There were no exposures and 350 gallons of water put out the fire.

FF/PM Santiago and Engine 5 on April 26th returned to the previous dumpster call for light smoke coming

from the dumpster. A pump can was able to extinguish the fire and pike poles tore apart the remaining debris.

The next red shift on the 29th, a fire alarm in an apartment building had the fire investigative team find burnt food in one of the units.

Burnt food was the culprit again on May 3rd when Gold shift took in the automatic alarm in an apartment building.

Four hours later another fire alarm at another multi-family location revealed the same results, a smoke detector activated due to burnt food.

May 6th had Red shift respond to the toll way for a truck fire. A car hauler with three cars in the bed area had a fire near the rear axle and involving all three cars. Both Engine 5 and Squad 5 pulled attack lines and began to fight the fire using 1,000 gallons of water. The driver had unhooked the tractor and drove away leaving the scene and the burning trailer. State Police are looking for driver.

Black shift on May 7th had a motor vehicle accident involving a car and a bicycle. Franklin Park ambulance 2 was called to the scene to assist with transport of the second victim.

A “T-Bone accident on May 8th had Red shift respond to find a total of six patients. Franklin Park was requested as the second ambulance and to help transport.

Lt. Swiontek and his engine on Black shift took in a call for a lock out. The driver had locked her keys in the car with her 1 year old daughter. Through some manipulation firefighters were able to open the door.

A home owner on May 11th set off his home fire detection system when he burnt food at his home. This caused Engine 5 to respond with Battalion 5.

May 14th had three young adults jump off the bridge into the Des Plaines River near Melrose Park. One of the teens never surfaced causing a Dive Box to be called. Battalion 5 was due

and NORCOMM also requested that Schiller Park pick up Decon 20 (Decontamination Unit) for use on cleaning the divers who searched the river. (A recovery was made a week later).

After shift change Red shift took in a possible car fire. Members found a car in a parking lot with the hood open and smoldering insulation. A pump can was used to wet down the immediate area.

A fire alarm on the 16th had Gold shift respond. On scene they found a worker who was trying to spruce up the building by using a paint machine in the hallway. Unfortunately, he forgot to cover the detector and sprayed them causing the activation.

May 16th had Black shift take in a fire alarm. As our crews approached, they saw that the building was being evacuated. The fire investigative team found a pull box broken in the dock area causing the alarm.

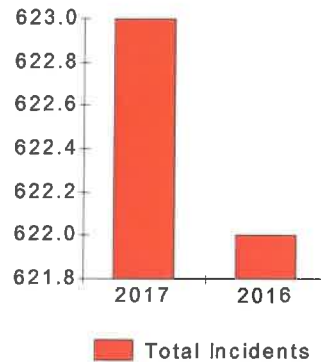
Later in the shift Engine 5 was called to the scene of a resident locked out of their home. After our Police verified that the person lived there, firefighters were able to ladder the house and enter through a window.

The last call for the reporting period occurs May 17th. Engine 5 was dispatched for cardboard on fire outside of a commercial building. On scene the engine company found 3 pallets of cardboard on fire. During the initial attack, Engine 5 decided to call for more water and requested Squad 5 and another 500 gallons of water. The fire was extinguished and overhaul completed.



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

Total Incidents



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	623	622

Auto Aid to:

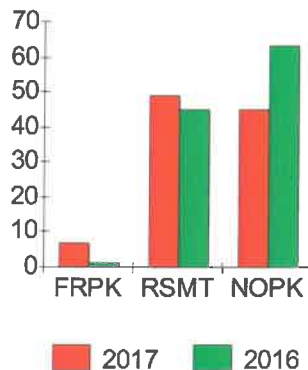
Franklin Park (FRPK)	7	1
Norwood Park (NOPK)	45	63
Rosemont (RSMT)	49	45

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	59	59
Norwood Park (NOPK)	47	52
Rosemont (RSMT)	51	28

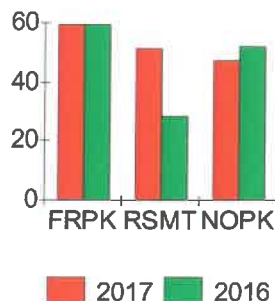
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

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

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury. The pension hearing that was originally scheduled for May 18th was changed/moved to June 27th.

I have tweaked the staff positions on the fire department for the coming year. We will re-name Maintenance to Operations, create Logistics and split Training into admin and line. Operations will be in charge of the building, plant, maintenance of equipment, tools and vehicles. Operations will begin to write operational guidelines for our equipment so that we have a standard operating procedure. This will provide consistency in operating and training. Logistics will involve looking into new technology, research and development in our department. Training will have two components—a line training officer who I am tasking with hands on training, practicals and

auto/mutual aid training. The admin training will involve maintaining records.

I am also looking into having ISO come out and review our department hopefully sometime in October. ISO has a new grading schedule which could be favorable to us in lowering us from a Class 4. New areas of grading include Fire Prevention, Fire Investigations and Public Education. With a new ladder truck, village wide water plan and dispatch center, that may all work in our favor.

Chief Vavra from Norwood Park has requested that we revise our response policies for automatic aid. For the next thirty days both communities will have their auto aid respond on the quiet to the others community. If it is a report of smoke or fire we will respond "hot". If you have any ideas or comments please send them to me through the chain of command.

B/C Cesaretti has issued a memo concerning NFIRS reports. The time sheets are to be placed in the mailbox at the EMS/ADMIN office.

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 tweaking needs to be done.

We held a Foreign Fire Insurance meeting on April 25th. Some of the ideas that were approved include an ice machine, valves for our engines and additional fitness equipment.

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. Members visited the production facility for the mid-term build and inspection. 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 we are looking at offers. (See photos).

Our 50th Anniversary as a full time department was held on May 6th. Retirees in attendance were given commemorative badges. Those who ordered commemorative badges will be allowed to wear their badges and commemorative 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. We may re-evaluate next year.

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 State 9-1-1 Administrator has set August 9th as the official cut over date. A new Executive Director has been hired to run the center. 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:

Tony was able to change out the battery on Battalion 5. After five years the battery was not holding a charge now a trickle charge. The SUV is now up and running. The Knox Box that was not operational in Battalion 5 was repaired and re-installed.

Tony was also able to repair the door handle on Squad 5 (453).

FF/PM Bertoncini was able to clean the contacts on the thermal imaging camera so that when placed back in the cradle it is charging.

FF/PM Bertoncinin our MSA SCBA technician was also able to repair unit 17. We hope to have the new G-1 units in service soon.

All hose testing should be completed by the time you read this article. Per NFPA hose is to be tested annually and re-bedded/folded every three months if not used. This prevents permanent folds and cracking that could lead to failure. It is also an firefighter skill per the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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.

We have received a resignation letter from PM Don Miller. Don has taken a full time firefighter position. He appreciates all the time members spent training and working with him.

Resurrection Medical Center held its quarterly meeting with the Chiefs and EMS Coordinators. They are instituting new E.R. policies on how they see and treat patients that may affect some of our transports. They are at the forefront of stroke intervention practices and are looking to expand.

Loyola is jointly working with a vendor on having a mobile stroke intervention unit available. We will stay in contact with them to see if this tool is an option for our residents and workers based on where it may be housed.

Loyola recognized several of our members this past month for their professionalism and calls since last years EMS week. Members included FF/PM Blum, Bertoncini, Chung, Velasco, O'Leary, Zydlo, Leiser and PM Kosar and Boyer.

The Village Board passed a Proclamation at the May 18th Board meeting designating EMS Week May 21-27, 2017.

Division 20 has developed a policy for the Rescue Task Force. We are in the process of obtaining personal protective equipment as part of this policy which will be kept on the rigs. This will include ballistic helmets and vests. You may use these on ANY call that you feel your safety may be threatened including domestic calls and altered mental status calls.

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.

Ambulance 5 drug cabinet door has been sent out for repair after a problem on the hinge side developed.

An electrical problem on Ambulance 6 (462) was repaired by FF/PM Bertoncini where it was determined that it was a bad circuit breaker.

Lt. Swiontek has also placed a new thermometer in the jump bag on Ambulance 6 (462).

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.

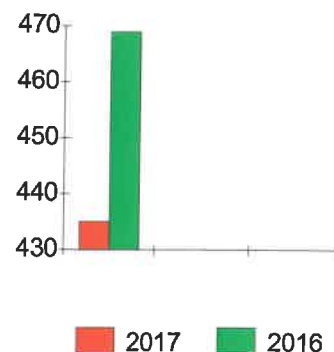
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 114 emergency calls. A total of 112 patients were encountered. 85 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	114	435
ALS Transports	59	199
BLS Transports	26	107
Refusals/MPR's	16	73
Other Non-Transports	3	12
Fire Responses	10	44
CPR Students taught	5	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	6	23
SHPK to others	6	18



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).

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

April Trivia

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

The inventor of the traditional fire helmet was Jacob Turck.

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

May Trivia

In honor of EMS Week, why do most EMT's and Paramedics who primarily do EMS on an ambulance wear a clip on or de-tachable tie (when required by the department or private service)?

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.

Members have been training on our new air packs 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.

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 Santiago and FF Velasco both

attended the Division 20 Technical Rescue drill which incorporated High Angle rescues.

FF/PM Dehmlow attended the monthly division 20 Hazardous Materials training.

Members attended the Union Pacific rail car training in Northlake.

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

We have also added several new titles to our training library including Building Construction, Safety, Orientation.

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	27	298	107	1912
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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 Lt. Jeff Leiser.

Lt. Leiser has asked to take over a portion of the Training Division. Jeff will be tackling the hands on and practical portion of Training for the upcoming year. With so many newer members Jeff would like to focus on having as many practical evolutions from the State Fire Marshal as possible. His plan is to use the 28 subject areas and concentrate or focus on one per week. With Spring/Summer/Fall here we should be able to accomplish this.

We will be utilizing props such as- our fire extinguisher simulator, sprinkler prop, standpipe prop, roof operations, forcible entry, search and rescue at Franklin Parks training tower. Lead outs, pumping, multiple lines in use, throwing ladders here in Schiller Park. If you would like to assist or have other ideas please see Lt. Leiser.

We will be doing drivers training with Rosemont this coming week.

B/C Cesaretti will continue to do the scheduling of classes, exams and Target Solutions while also focusing on technology uses in our department.

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.

Members of our department are working with putting Pre-Plans on our Mobile Data Terminals (MDT'S) in our vehicles. They will be found in the GIS map section.

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.

ISO has changed their grading system and now will given credit for Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

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 n 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 attended the D.A.R.E. graduation this past month at Washington School.

A round up of our involvement with the Red Cross after the fire on Lawrence Court last month had them assist 13 adults, and 2 children. A total of 6 families were displaced. It

will take up to six months for the building to be re-habbed.

Chief Chiodo and B/C Cesaretti attended the Memorial Day program at Lincoln School where the Kennedy School children performed.

As Summer approaches we have been invited to a number of parades. Please touch base with FF/PM Warden or FF/PM Schneider if you are interested. Most sign ups will be placed in the kitchen.

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

We hosted our 50th Full time member celebration May 6th. Mmembers welcomed retired members and had an open house with food for residents. (see photos).

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

This past month Cmdr. Maher (ret.) stopped by to see the members. Dan commented how much our department has changed in such a short period of time.

FF Mandziara (ret.) dropped a note indicating that he could not make the 50th Anniversary celebration as he and his wife would be in New York.

He stated that he was very proud to be a part of the first 50 years spending 20 of those as a full time member.

Ballots went out to the retirees to vote for their representative on the Pension Board. Lt. Anderson (ret.) seat was up for election. A run off was held as the first vote tied Lt. Anderson (ret.) and Chief Deegan (ret.) at 7 votes each. The run off had 16 persons vote with Lt. Anderson (ret.) getting 10 votes to Chief Deegan (ret) getting 6 votes.

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 that the Kady's had a baby girl born April 19th. Congratulations on a bright bouncing baby girl!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A note was received from the Recreation Department thanking the members for their help at the Easter Egg Hunt and for bring Peter Cotton Tail.

Lastly a resident sent a note thanking the members for smoke alarm installations.

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 will begin to incorporate Special Operations into the Training Division. This includes Technical rescue, Fire Investigations and Hazardous Materials.

And Finally...

Nothing haunts us like the things we don't say.

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 8-12 Members including the Village Mechanic did a midway inspection of new E-One Truck 5 at the plant in Ocala, Florida. The cab is complete, body complete and the body was being attached as they were leaving. The truck assembly is now at the ladder shop where it is being mounted to the body. It is expected that the Final Inspection will be held mid to late June.

