

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 25th when Red shift responded to a gas leak. On scene the members found the gas range with the electronic igniter in the stuck “ON” position causing it to continually “tick” The gas and power were shut off and the owner told to contact an appliance repair person.

After midnight an automatic fire alarm found Red shift respond and find the audible alarms and strobes going off. The panel indicated a water flow and after investigating found the dry system had activated and filled the system.

An accident with injuries on June 27th had Black shift take it in on the exit ramp of I-294 at Irving. Heavy damage on the driver side also revealed intrusion of more than one feet and air bag deployment. Occupants of both the car and sewage truck were assessed by our paramedics.

A fire pump running on June 28th had Red shift take in the alarm. On scene members found the buildings fire suppression fire pump running at full speed. The fire investigative crew found no other reason or problems.

After picking up from this run the shift was dispatched to the toll way for a vehicle on fire. Upon arrival members found a SUV fully involved. The engine dropped a hose line for extinguishment. Members also protected any run off by protecting the storm sewers.

June 29th had a request from the police department to assist with getting a person out of the Des Plaines River. On scene fire

department personnel found a police officer laying in a culvert holding on to a person who was under water and under the culvert. A Swift Water Box Alarm was called because of the nature of the call. All members donned their personnel flotation gear who were near the water and a decision was made to send one member in to make a rescue. The water depth was approximately three feet deep in this area. Police and Fire personnel were able to lift the victim and secure him with a rope where shore personnel were able to lift him out of the area to be transported.

After shift change Gold shift responded to a trouble alarm. FF/PM Niemand in charge of the engine, found with his crew that a forklift had struck a detector setting off the alarm.

FF/PM Niemand and his engine crew then took in a carbon monoxide alarm. Entering the building the owner indicated that detectors on multiple levels were going off. She then told the shift that she also found that a burner on the stove was accidentally left “ON”. The unit was monitored with no elevated levels and members returned to quarters.

June 30th found a call dispatched to Schiller Park firefighters for a semi trailer on fire near the toll way. A 1 ¾” hose line was pulled and Gold shift began extinguishment at the rear tandem wheels. Squad 5 forced the rear doors on the trailer and found it filled with heavy smoke due to the fact it was hauling wooden pallets. A deck gun dumped 500 gallons of water into the trailer immediately while engine 5 fought the fire under the trailer. A thermal imaging camera verified no additional fire in the trailer. 1,000 gallons of water were used.

The River Grove Fire Department requested an Investigators Box Alarm on July 3rd for a fire. FF/PM Bertoncini the on duty investigator, was detoured to Franklin Park to pick up Fire Investigative Unit 1 (FU-1), to be brought tom the scene so that an origin and cause investigation could be conducted.

The evening of July 3rd found a car had gone off the road and into the woods. B/C Leiser and his shift took in the call where the person was extricated and transported.

During the 4th of July Village parade and Picnic, Red shift responded to Franklin Park for a car fire between two buildings. On scene Franklin Park was met with a fully involved car in a driveway between two buildings with fire impinging on both structures. Our truck went to work assisting with the firefight and overhaul.

The next day the shift responded to a child locked in a car. Members were able to carefully use our vehicle "access kit" to gain entry through the passenger side with no damage.

A Pin In response on July 6th had both Franklin Park and Rosemont respond with us to the toll way. Upon arrival Black shift found the incident in the northbound lanes not the southbound. Members were able to remove the person and transport to a level one trauma center.

The next call for Black shift on the 6th was for a diesel fuel spill on Lawrence. Members were able to use a wax ring along with plug and dike to control the leak/spill. The shift also placed a containment pool under the leak to collect product. With the Village's Spill Pay Ordinance a bill was sent to the spiller.

Black shift then responded to smoke in the cafeteria in a building. Engine 5 being part of the fire investigative team, found the deep fryer was "on" with the oil giving off a slight smoke. A kitchen grease cleaning crew was on scene to handle any potential problem.

Gold shift on July 8th took in a call for burning rubbish. On scene members located a few branches next to a fence that may have been smoldering. A pump can was used to wet down the area.

July 9th and an Investigator's Box Alarm in Hillside had FF/PM Bertoncini to again pick up FU-1 and respond to the scene. As the on duty

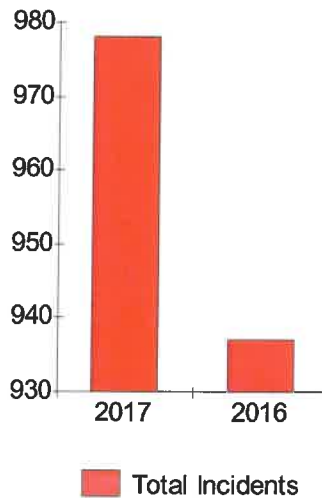
investigator he again assisted in the origin and cause.

July 10th had a response to the toll way for a car into the guardrail. On scene FF/Pm Bubis running the engine found that a truck had hit a car which then struck the guardrail.

The last call of the reporting period occurs on July 11th when a call to the toll way involved an accident with a car and a double trailer semi trailer. Arriving B/C Hatcher and the group found the trailer on its side. The patients were triaged and members awaited as a salvage company began to upright the trailer. While the trailers did contain hazardous materials none breached any of the containers.

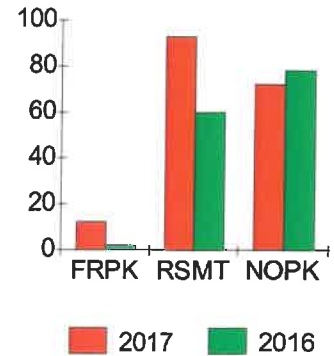
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Total Incidents



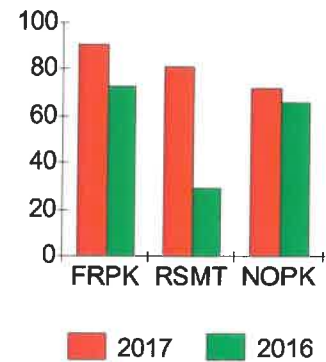
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	978	781

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	12	2
Norwood Park (NOPK)	72	78
Rosemont (RSMT)	91	60

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	91	73
Norwood Park (NOPK)	72	66
Rosemont (RSMT)	81	29

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM LiRosi was granted a duty disability by the pension board as a result of an on duty injury.

We also have had an additional three firefighters on medical leave this past month. We hope to have them back shortly. FF/PM Leao with a shoulder, FF/PM Schneider with an appendectomy, and FF/PM Picuals with a knee.

Division 20 has published all of the new Box Cards. We have updated our computers, dispatch and the vehicles.

News from our neighbors include the following—

Retired Chief Dave Traiforos (FRPK) has taken a job as a dispatcher for the Detroit Fire Department and retired Captain Lance Barnes (FRPK) passed away this past month.

We also received notice that Deputy Chief Johnson (NOPK) will be retiring effective September 1st. Dan has worked in Norwood park for over 26 years rising through the ranks to his current position. We wish him well.

My thanks to FF/PM Neimand who continues to update the fire department portion of the Village website. He has changed several sections and added new information.

Our Human Resources department has added a new forms for new hires. These are to be filled out form both full time and part time employees.

Our MCD dispatch center is anticipated to be up and running on September 6th. All dispatchers are undergoing training. Our Executive Directive Ron Gross has produced a

power point presentation for the fire dispatching portion. We will soon have a training session on the new CAD portion as we transition from CIS to ID Networks.

The City of Chicago and Schiller Park have entered into a new jurisdictional agreement for areas of response on Mannheim both north and south of Lawrence. Please consult maps posted in the firehouse and accompanying memos.

We would also like to welcome a ne Deputy Village Clerk, Melissa Gocek. She takes over for Jill who held the position for several years under Clerk Irsuto. Our best to both women.

Members are looking at a quilted jacket that can be worn with your Class C uniform.

With the introduction of the Dash Cams I have written a new policy on its use.

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.

E-One, the builder of our new ladder truck, this past month trained all three shifts in its operation. Each training session was 8 hours. After mandatory driving and handling skills, the vehicle will go into operation. We anticipate this to be mid-August. (see photos).

For our 50th Anniversary as a full time department we had commemorative badges made, if any full time or retired member is interested in purchasing please contact FF/PM Loch. Cost is \$145.00 each.

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

We applied for a SAFER grant from the federal government to increase our staffing by three and a second grant for an air exhaust system. We were awarded both. FF/PM Leao is working on the air exhaust.

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 continues to work on Wednesdays doing preventive maintenance on all our vehicles. Tony worked on Tower Ladder 5 on its door which could not be opened from the inside. Tony will also do part of the final acceptance inspection of our new truck. Tony completed preventive maintenance work on both Battalion 5 car and the Chiefs car.

Other items in the firehouse include FF/PM Bertoncini working on the sump pump and check valve in the hose tower. It is now working again.

We also we able to repair the Cutters Edge chain saw and return it to service.

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 Newkirk. PM Newkirk has taken a position with Prospect Heights as a Paid On call Firefighter. He appreciates all the time members spent training and working with him.

We are participating with Loyola's Paramedic program by having two students ride with us. They will be here on both Black and Gold shifts. The internship will last for a semester.

We also have finally received the 2 AED's after being on back order for 5 months. One is being placed in the Battalion car and the other will go on the new truck. We received a grant from IDPH for payment of one AED the other will be paid by Schiller Park.

Lt. Swiontek would like to remind everyone who does EMS reports that ALL incident numbers are seven digits.

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.

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.

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.

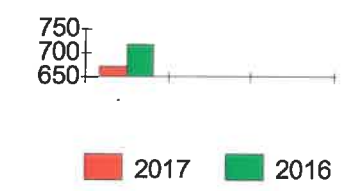
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 123 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 77 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	123	671
ALS Transports	52	300
BLS Transports	25	157
Refusals/MPR's	21	110
Other Non-Transports	3	21
Fire Responses	21	81
CPR Students taught	5	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	4	35
SHPK to others	8	34

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

June Trivia

When was the Maltese Cross first used in the fire service?

1865 by the New York Fire Department.

Two correct answers were submitted from Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester, and Jimmy "Z".

July Trivia

The Chicago Fire Department just named its new fast attack fire boat. Who was it named after and what is the significance?

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.

We will be sending members to the Vehicle Machinery Technician class in September. We are allowing the class to use the site on Mannheim for the practical drills. We currently have 3 members enrolled.

We are also training three members in Swift Water Operations. These members will add to our technical rescue team.

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.

Several members attended the flashover training simulator in Huntley. As this opportunity becomes available again we will send our next batch of firefighters.

FF/PM Loch and FF/PM Dehmlow attended the crude by rail class in Colorado (see photo). This was a 100% paid expense class at no cost to the Village.

We were able to share our forcible entry prop with Rosemont this past month and did training in Franklin Park with their roof simulator.

Chief Chiodo attended the Illinois Legislative day at the Chicago Fire Academy.

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 276 hours of training for the month with 18 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	18	276	151	2544
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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 Employees of the Month FF/PM Niemand and Red Shift.

FF/PM Niemand not only worked on the website but took on his own initiative the task of coming up with a probationary resource manual for new hires. This will be used with new hires and is our most complete practical manual. It is a Probationary Manual for Operations, locations and the How To that the new person should know.

Our second thanks go out to the members who re-painted the classroom and re-organized all the department photos in the classroom. The clean up and freshening is greatly appreciated by all members.

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. Those not complying will be turned over to our legal department.

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.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

Members on June 23rd honored our Wounded Warriors as they rode their bikes through town down River Road.

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.

The Boy Scouts are planning to have a Flag Retirement ceremony on September 11th.

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.

We are beginning to prepare for the annual Car Show. This year it is planned as an entire Family Weekend Experience with a movie on Friday, Pierogi fest on Saturday and Car Show Sunday.

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.

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

This past month we had a number of goings on with our retirees.

Chief Chiodo was able to have lunch with Cmdr. Maher (ret.) this past month. They feasted on German cuisine. Dan misses the fire

department and would be interested in coming back in some role.

Chief Chiodo also met with Lt. Knuth (ret.) for breakfast. Anthony is currently working as a code enforcement officer in Hoffman Estates. Anthony is planning on getting married in October ad is doing well. If a code enforcement position opens up he might be interested. (see photo).

Chief Chiodo also met with EMSD Nosek (ret.) for lunch enjoying Italian beef. Rick continues to work for WGN and has taken on more responsibility there.

POC Lt. DiMaggio (ret.) has stopped in several times to have coffee with Chief Chiodo and the crew. Sam is doing well but having a harder time making it up the stairs. He reminds everyone how quickly time passes.

We see Chief Deegan (ret.) on a regular basis since being elected a Village trustee. He also has been appointed the Chairman of the public Safety Committee and to the 9-1-1 MCD Board.

Jimmy "Z" (ret.) has stopped by and offered his catch from his fishing trips, smoked fish. The shifts have really enjoyed these treats.

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

FF/PM LiRosi (ret.) has informed us that he and his wife are expecting a baby

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

Our first note comes from a resident who witnessed an act that she wanted Chief Chiodo to be aware of. I would like to print it in its entirety.

“ Dear Chief Chiodo,

Early one Saturday morning last month I heard a large vehicle stop in front of our house and I looked out the window to see what it was.

A hook and ladder was parked across the street so I continued to watch, wondering which of my neighbors was in need of help.

The firefighters however, were getting out of the truck rather slowly so I wasn't sure what was happening. I saw them all get out of the fire truck and walk to the house 2 doors from me.

What I saw next really warmed my heart. My neighbor's little girl had a lemonade stand set up and each firefighter bought a glass from the proud young lady. They stayed few minutes and talked to the little girl.

It did not only make her day, however, it made mine as well. To think that those young men would take the time to make a little girl happy made me realize how truly wonderful they are.

Thank you for the wonderful men you are training to take care of us.”

Sue

Sgt. Scheib sent a note to both Chief Chiodo and the Village commending Police Officers and Firefighters as they rescued a suspect from the Des Plaines River.

A note from the Kwiat family thanked the members for honoring their dad, Lt. Chester Kwiat (ret.) at his wake and funeral. They were overcome by the outpouring of love and respect for another firefighter even when retired.

A note from Tammy Chiodo expressed her thanks for the thoughts and flowers during her recent hospital stay and recovery from her stroke.

A note from PM Mike Newkirk also wanted to express his thanks to the department for the opportunity to work here with some good men and women.

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 received delivery of the awarded AED's from a grant from IDPH.

We were also awarded the grants from AFG for two grants totaled over \$500,000 for air exhaust and staffing. The Village will decide whether or not to accept the grants.

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 also working to clean up the mass notification system of old numbers, bad numbers, disconnected as well as updating all employees contact info.

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...

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden.

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 2 –What our 50 year badges look like. For Sale \$145.00 or Best Offer.

Page 8-9 Members teach Division 20 the Vehicle Machinery Operations Extrication class.

Page 10- Members drill doing foam operations, 4th of July at Stalica Park (photo courtesy of Warren) and Chief Chiodo meets Lt. Anthony Knuth (ret.)

Page 11- Truck 5 as it leaves the factory

Page 12 – Truck 5 arrives











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