

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 18th when Red shift responded to a smell of natural gas. On scene Lt. Budnik and his crew found that the stove had a stuck igniter which caused the gas to flow. The unit was ventilated and the stove circuit shut down.

The next call this day had Red shift respond to a fire alarm. On scene they found that a detector had gone off when one person warming up milk burnt the milk causing the activation.

A fire later in the shift on the toll way had both Schiller Park and Berkeley respond. Berkeley beat us to the scene and began extinguishment.

Black shift on the 21st took in a call from a person trapped in an elevator. FF/Pm Schneider and his engine company used our elevator rescue keys to gain access and remove the person.

Next up the shift responded to a fire alarm. Here members found a construction crew on site remodeling a building. Dust from work in the bathroom set off the alarm.

An allergic reaction on August 24th had FF/PM Bubis and “Red’s Rovers” take in the call. At the location they found a person who had been stung by a bee. Our ambulance treated the person.

Red shift then was dispatched to a two car accident where a traffic light was also knocked down and wires were exposed. The scene was secured by our police while patient care was initiated. A second ambulance was requested from Franklin Park.

August 25th had Norwood park

request our ambulance for a stabbing. Members transported to a level I trauma center Lutheran General.

A water flow alarm on August 25th had Gold shift respond to the location. On scene B/C Hatcher and the shift found that it was a broken sprinkler pipe caused by a small bus trying to exit an overhead door and striking the piping. The system was shut down so that repairs could be made.

After a resident returned home from work, she locked her keys in the car with the car running in the garage. Members were able to use our entry kit with no damage to the car to get into the vehicle. The garage and house were monitored for any carbon monoxide elevated levels.

A fire alarm September 3rd found Gold shift take in the call at a gas station/store. On scene Lt. Leiser and the engine company did their investigation and found that a rubber glove was too close to the oven and began to melt setting off the fire alarm.

September 5th had Red shift take in an alarm going off. The owner did not know if it was the smoke or CO detector. Lt. Budnik on scene with his crew found a chirping detector going off after she baked some fresh bread. Monitoring noticed some higher concentrations of CO near the stove.

Gold shift on the 6th took in a call for an automatic fire alarm in an eight story hotel. The fire investigative team located the cause in the mezzanine level where workers were performing construction and set off alarm.

Lt. Swiontek and Black shift on the 7th took in a trouble alarm. As they arrived they were told by workers that the alarm was due to a forklift which struck an appliance.

The Schiller Park fire department was called on September 8th for the smell of smoke. B/C Cesaretti and Red shift arrived and found burnt food in one of the lower units.

A trouble alarm on September 10th has Black shift respond to find that water leaking from above had gotten into a detector and trip the device.

A fire alarm in one of our motels on September 15th had Black shift arrived and begin searching for the cause. When they got to the employee break room they found the culprit burnt food in the microwave.

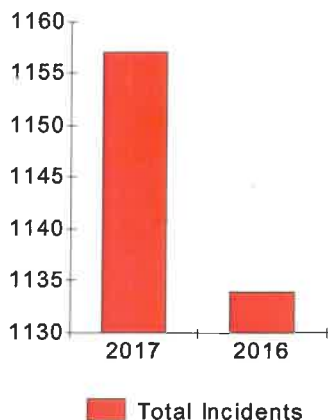
The 15th also had members respond to the toll way for an accident with injuries. Berkeley and Hillside were also dispatched to the northbound lanes. On scene members found two vehicles involved with one on its roof. Members worked to remove and treat the three persons prior to transporting to the hospitals.

September 16th had Lt. Swionteks engine take in a smoking dumpster. On scene our crew found that someone had dumped hot coals into the dumpster and that garbage was smoldering. A pump can was used to extinguish.

Our last call this reporting period was on the 16th where a fire alarm had members respond to a business. Arriving the manager met our firefighters and said that someone had pulled the pull box on accident. (How does that happen?).

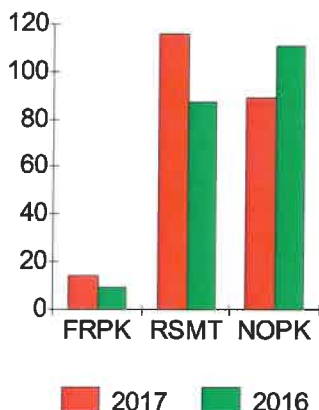
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2016:

Total Incidents



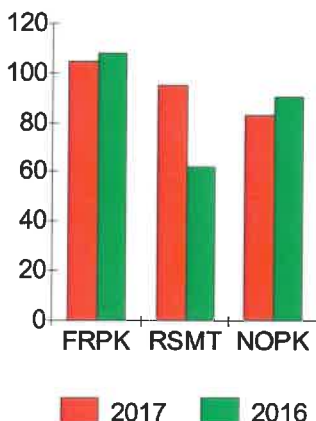
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of August 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	1326	1326

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	15	16
Norwood Park (NOPK)	99	120
Rosemont (RSMT)	128	102

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	120	120
Norwood Park (NOPK)	94	97
Rosemont (RSMT)	106	67

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Piculas has applied for a non-duty disability pension due to a knee problem.

The Fire and Police Commission is looking into an outside recruitment and testing company for our next entrance exam. They will decide at their October meeting. We are currently one member short with FF/PM Piculas on medical.

Our new dispatch center, Municipal Consolidated Dispatch, went on line September 19th. We have had no major problems and the transition went very smoothly. We have posted in the vehicles and in the firehouse the new contact number for MCD. As a side note please remember in your NFIRS reports to distinguish between Midwest Center Dispatch and Municipal Consolidated Dispatch, both are using MCD initials.

We are also using a new CAD system with our new dispatch center. ID Networks replaces CIS. So far both police and fire like it better as it is more user friendly. Training was conducted by ID network in our firehouse.

The Village celebrated the remembrance of 9/11 at Clock Tower Park. (see photos). It was also on 9/11 that we officially placed our new Truck 5 (E-One) in service. It is running very well.

The Village was able to reduced the cost of employee health insurance

increase from 3% to 1.5%. This will overall save us all money on our premiums.

Our condolences to FF/PM O'Leary whose mother suddenly passed away this past month. Our thoughts and prayer remain with you and your family.

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association sponsored their annual Employee Thank you on September 21st. The theme was Tacofest (see photos).

Bensenville has decommissioned their tower ladder effective September 11th. They too went with a straight ladder from E-One. Their goal is to have their new ladder 107 be in service by mid-October.

On an administrative level the operations division will now include the Lieutenants four times a year- December, march, June, September.

East Leyden High School is also under taking a \$55 million dollar renovation project. We will be working more closely this year with Leyden by utilizing students doing community service and by participating in their events. Work commences this Fall.

The Fire Buffs of Illinois had their monthly meeting in Schiller Park on September 17th. It is a group that takes fire photographs of apparatus and is involved in preserving the fire service history and traditions. They assembled at our firehouse at noon for pictures and then had their meeting at the Community Center at 2 PM.

We are honored to have FF/PM Jackson represent us at the 36th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. He will be a part of the Division 20 Honor Guard and will be paid for by the Division. The event will take place

October 4-8th.

We are in the process of reviewing and updating all our Rules and Regulations. The last update was 1995 so it is due. A draft will be available shortly.

A full scale mass casualty exercise is being planned by Bensenville consisting of a plane crash. It will be held October 21st.

I am also looking into having ISO come out and review our department hopefully sometime in March. 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.

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:

With our new truck being placed in service please refrain from hanging any gear on the handrails/grab bars and we don't want to chip any of the paint on any vehicle.

We have also placed the new intake valves on both Engine 5 and Squad 5. These were purchased and approved by the foreign fire insurance

Our mechanic Tony Calafati also worked on multiple items during his preventive maintenance and emergency maintenance.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

An update on PM Jim Davis. He has been released back to work at his primary job as a Chicago Fire Lieutenant. He has been assigned to the Chicago Fire Academy as an instructor working a 40 hour shift. He is awaiting a shift assignment on a company whereby he will be able to come back here.

We also have two paramedic students from Loyola University Medical system riding with us for next few months. We will precept them and help teach them. They will be assigned to Black and Gold shifts.

We received a resignation letter from PM Pfest who will be taking a full time FF/PM job with the Niles Fire Department.

Lt. Swiontek and Donna from HR have interviewed 2 additional part time paramedics for possible hire.

A reminder to all paramedics that dispatch now has a new phone number at MCD. It is posted in the ambulance and programmed on the phones.

Both of our ambulances were due at the Safety lane for their annual inspections. Both passed and have the decals on their windshields.

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.

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.

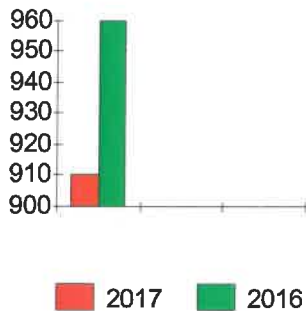
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals,

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	120	791
ALS Transports	49	349
BLS Transports	25	182
Refusals/MPR's	25	135
Other Non-Transports	1	22
Fire Responses	20	101
CPR Students taught	5	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	2	37
SHPK to others	3	37

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.

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

August Trivia

During the Edo period (1603-1867) what unusual technique did Japanese firefighters fight fires?

Firefighters would pull down adjacent buildings (exposures) so that flames would not spread.

Only one correct answer was received from Chief Belmonte (ret. WECH)

September Trivia

The 1900 Olympics in Paris had two unique events that were featured. What were they?

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.

All shifts participated in High Rise firefighting automatic aid drill in Rosemont.

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.

As mentioned above our department will be participating in the mass casualty drill involving a full scale plane crash. As more info becomes available.

We have also set up a matrix on when fire investigators should be called to an incident. It will provide a guideline as to calling for additional off duty and division investigators. It is a flow chart that Lt. Leiser will train the shifts on. As the Lead Fire Investigator for Schiller Park, Lt. J. Leiser should be notified of all incidents.

We 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 225 hours of training for the month with 17 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	17	225	188	2970
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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 Brandon Rusciollelli.

Brandon was nominated because he selflessly made himself available to another member who found out very late that a close friend had passed away. No other member had responded to the request for coverage and Brandon using one of his limited trades volunteered to cover the shift. Brandon was then on a 96 hour shift but this enabled the original member to attend the funeral. Even though Brandon is relatively new and did not have a lot of contact with the requesting member, Brandon stepped up to the plate exhibiting the qualities that we look for in firefighter/paramedics and the character that is then extended to residents and others we meet in our profession.

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.

House Bill 3773 – 10 year Battery Smoke Detectors

This bill awaits the Governors signature as it passed both houses. It amends the Smoke detector act to require homes built before 1988 which are using removeable battery alarms to replace them with long 10 year non-removable batteries over the next five years.

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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

The Village 9/11 remembrance was held at Clock Tower at 8:30 AM. All those who perished and all those who had any part in the recovery and aftermath were remembered.

The Irving Park Cemetery also had a ceremony at 11:30 followed by a luncheon on 9/11.

The Boy Scouts held their Flag Retirement ceremony on September 11th after it was rained out in June.

We participated in the annual Car Show August 27th. Lt. Budnik coordinated selling beverages for the

association and B/C Leiser helped coordinate the IAP.

The Knights of Columbus asked us to participate in the second Blue Mass at St. Beatrice on September 10th. It was a way to honor all police officers and firefighters who serve.

FF/PM Warden is also in the process of planning the Fire Prevention Month. She will soon post a sign up and the agenda for the month. As part of the festivities an Open House will also be planned.

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.

Retiree Row

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

Chris Kwiat (son of Lt. Chester Kwiat [dec.]), contacted us to let us know that it is very sad for him as he will be selling his fathers house here in Schiller Park. Chet spent his entire career here and loved the fire department so it is bitter sweet to give up a piece of the connection to the fire department.

Cmdr. Maher also stopped by to say "Hi" and drop off some pictures that he had collected and taken from his days on the department.

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 Association is also planning on having its Employee Appreciation and Thank You on September 21st. This years theme will be Taco Fest.

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

A note was received from a resident who we transported in July to resurrection and wanted to thank the crew. She states that the whole department is "Great!!"

A letter of resignation was received from PM Pfest who stated he has enjoyed his time working for the Village and will take what he learned to his new position on the Niles Fire Department.

A letter from a retired Chicago Police Officer thanked our department for our presence at the Irving Park Cemetery 9/11 remembrance. It was greatly appreciated he states.

The Fire Buffs of Illinois held their September meeting here in Schiller Park and wanted to thank all the members for their hospitality in hosting and allowing them to take pictures.

Emergency Mgmt.

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 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 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.

And Finally...

One fails forward toward success.

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 – Shifts practice with new Truck 5 and its reach.

Page 8-11 members participate in the practical evolutions for the Vehicle Machinery Technician class

Page 12 Fr, Tom, Chief Vavra (NOPK), Chief Chiodo and FF Arens (Chicago) attend 9/11

