

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 September 19th when Black shift responded to a call for the tree on the wires and the tree smoking. On Scene Lt. Swiontek and his crew found the tree on the wires and they were burning. Com Ed was notified and the engine crew was told to stand by. While securing the scene the branch burnt through and fell to the ground where it was put out with no other issues.

September 21st had Gold shift take in a dumpster fire. At the incident scene smoldering materials were in the dumpster and the 2 ½ gallon “silver bullet” put out the smoldering materials.

Gold shift their next tour of duty on the 24th, responded to a motor vehicle accident. On scene the accident involved a motorcycle and a small SUV. The call was on Irving in the forest preserves and both Norridge Police and Forest Preserve Police were on scene. Schiller Park stabilized the vehicles and transported the motorcyclist.

The next day, 25th, Black shift took in a call for an odor of natural gas in an apartment. Occupants stated that when the stove was turned “ON” a light haze was noted in the apartment. After using our monitors to check for both natural gas and carbon monoxide, it was determined that it may have been the first start up of the furnace that blew dust in the apartment. No other problems were detected.

Red shift ,September 26th , took in another gas odor this time in a hallway. A tenant returning home from work thought she smelled something. Again our monitors and

thermal imaging camera were used and no cause was found.

B/C Leiser and Black shift responded to an automatic fire alarm September 28th. The fire investigative team found that the alarm was set off by smoking rubber from the manufacturing process.

Red shift took in an ambulance call on the 29th where a person thought they have possible carbon monoxide poisoning. On scene paramedics were met by a tenant who said that the alarm was going off and they wanted to be checked on. After investigating the surroundings, the fire/EMS crew found that in the apartment there was no fire/smoke detector nor a carbon monoxide detector in the unit. The detector that was chirping was in the hallway outside the apartment and it was a smoke detector. The lack of detectors was referred to Community Development and the patient had no symptoms.

Later in the shift members responded to a fire alarm in Rosemont. On scene truck 5 and Battalion 5 were assigned to check the third and fourth floor. The crew found a burning electrical smell on the third floor and reported the information to Command. Command instructed Rosemont crews to the area to help find the source with Schiller Park.

The next day on the 30th, Gold shift was dispatched to the toll way for an accident with injuries. On scene B/C Hatcher found a car had gone down the embankment and was on the fringe of the pond. The persons were able to self extricate and only one person needed transport.

Before the shift ended, members took in another fire alarm. This time the fire team found activation due to a broken pull station. The business was informed that the appliance would need to be repaired as soon as possible.

October 2nd had Red shift take in an alarm in a daycare complex. B/C Cesaretti and his crews found that burnt food from an oven tripped the

alarm. The areas were ventilated and confirmed that no other issues existed.

Red shift then responded to another fire alarm. Here they found workers who were sanding floors and the dust in the air tripped the detectors. Auto Aid companies were returned and the alarm reset.

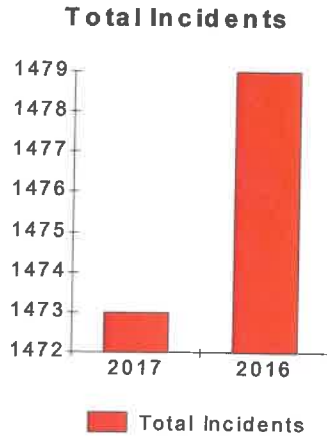
Before going home, Red shift was dispatched on the 3rd to a fire alarm where the fire investigative team found a worker who stated they were cleaning the stove and steam set off the detector. No other problems.

October 5th had FF/PM Bubis assigned as the on-duty certified fire investigator. At 7:16 PM, the tones were set off for a Box Alarm in Hillside and the need for a fire investigator. FF/Pm Bubis was assigned to pick up FU-20 (fire investigative unit Division 20) from Franklin Park and respond to the scene where he assisted in the origin and cause investigation.

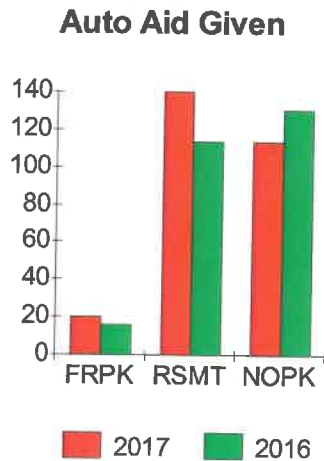
Trapped persons in the elevator on October 6th had a rescue response take on the call. On scene it was determined that there were two persons in the elevator car and they were okay with no medical emergencies. After lock out and tag out procedures were completed, elevator keys were used to open both the outer and inner doors and access the occupants who were grateful to see the firefighters.

The last call of this reporting period took place on October 7th. Here Black shift responded to a call for a leaking fuel tank on a truck. On scene FF/PM Schneider in charge of the engine observed that the fuel tank had been dislodged from the transport truck. The firefighters found a hole in the fuel tank and diesel fuel on the ground. The area was diked with oil dry along with the sewer and a clean up company was notified along with a repair crew for the truck.

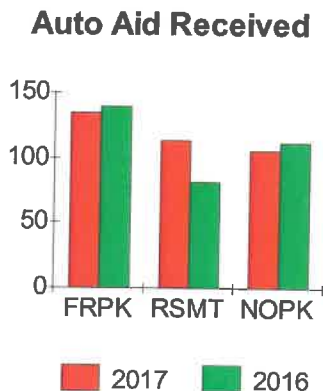
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2016:



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



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



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	1473	1479

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	20	16
Norwood Park (NOPK)	114	130
Rosemont (RSMT)	140	114

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	134	139
Norwood Park (NOPK)	105	114
Rosemont (RSMT)	114	81

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 has decided on using outside recruitment and testing company for our next entrance exam. We will be using F.I.R.E. with the application process commencing November 15th. Information can be found on our website with all the dates. We hope to have a final eligibility list by February. We are currently one member short with FF/PM Piculas on medical.

I am in the process of reviewing all the Rules and Regulations and having an updated version for Board approval in the next few months. They have not been revised since 1995. I am also reviewing all of our SOG's and coming up with a new template. This second phase of review will take several months.

The Village has approved ballistic gear for our personnel. We will have shared sets that will be kept on the vehicles for applicable uses. A policy is being distributed. Who would of

thought of this ten years ago but there are too many instances, including Las Vegas, that mandate we protect all 1st responders.

River Grove has modified their fire responses and asked that Schiller Park Battalion 5 and Truck 5 be dispatched on working fire responses. This takes place immediately.

I have also dissolved our Special Operations Division. These areas will now fall under training including Haz Mat, Technical Rescue and Fire Investigations. To mirror the private sector, Community Engagement will replace the former Public Relations and be headed by FF/PM Schneider.

The results of the Air Quality test have been posted. The outside company's result indicate that we are below any threshold of any potentially dangerous elements that the firefighters requested be looked into. We are still on track to get the air exhaust system for the apparatus floor.

The Village has asked us to review the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website and also to come up with additional FAQ's for the front office personnel. This will allow them to answer questions or direct the inquiry to the right person or department.

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. B/C Cesaretti and FF/PM Bubis will be spearheading this effort.

We are also participating with Maine West High School with its career

internship program.

If your dress uniform needs additional seniority pins, please request those from your shift officers.

We have entered into an inter-governmental agreement with Triton to donate engine 456 in exchange for classes for our personnel.

We are beginning to prepare our budget for the 2019 fiscal year. I am asking all members to submit ideas and estimates for potential items that we need or want. These will be prioritized and submitted in a draft budget. I have also asked the Officers to come up with their specialty area budgets to be combined in the overall budget.

We are still trying to sell Tower Ladder 454. We have it listed on Ebay, Brindle Mountain, F&P brokers and Govdeals.com.

We are also very appreciative that one of our readers noticed that we were applying for a grant for a zodiac boat and decided to donate their \$4,000 zodiac boat to the fire department for our water operations. I can't thank them enough.

The "U.S.S. Bursiek" was christened by our admiral fleet director Commodore Brian Bursiek.

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:

Holmatro came out and did the annual maintenance on all our hydraulic rescue tools.

Litmus paper has been placed on both Truck 5 and Engine 5.

Tony worked on preventive maintenance on our sirens this past month.

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...

Our two paramedic students from Loyola University Medical system riding with us for last few months are completing their ride time. We are also hosting EMT students from Triton and Oakton who will be riding with us as observers.

Lt. Swiontek and Donna from HR have interviewed 2 additional part time paramedics for possible hire. PM Cwynar has been offered a position.

The Village offered Flu shots to Village employees this past month. If you missed yours, please see Chief Chiodo.

As part of our relationship with MCD, they have made available to us Voiance which is a translation service that is significantly cheaper than our past vendor and much more reliable. Lt. Swiontek has placed on our vehicles how to access them and the account code.

A new Plano drug box has been placed in service on Engine 5.

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.

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.

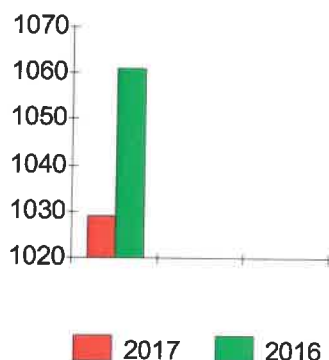
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 119 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 74 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	119	1029
ALS Transports	37	435
BLS Transports	37	246
Refusals/MPR's	21	178
Other Non-Transports	6	32
Fire Responses	18	136
CPR Students taught	5	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	45
SHPK to others	14	57

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

September Trivia

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

The Paris Olympics in 1900 featured two events that were unique— Firefighting and Kite Flying.

Two persons had partial answers . No complete correct answers were submitted.

October Trivia

What actor rejoined the FDNY after 9/11?

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 Forcible Entry training conducted by Fire Service Institute in Franklin Park This was free four hour training through the State Fire Marshal cornerstone project. The Division is aiming at cornerstone programs being offered quarterly.

Chief Chiodo participated in the Com Ed joint operation center training for disasters. This training took place in Broadview.

FF/PM Warden attended the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care class and training in Gurnee.

FF/Pm Dehmlow and FF/PM Santiago along with Gold shift attended the Division 20 full scale haz mat and Technical rescue drill.

FF/PM Jackson attended the Division 20 honor guard training.

Lt. J. Leiser and FF/PM Jackson attended Division 20 fire investigator training.

FF/PM Velasco attended Structural Collapse Operations class, part of the State Fire Marshal program, in Romeoville.

Three members attended the Vehicle Machinery Technician class here in Schiller Park. This too is a State Fire Marshal class.

Lt. J. Leiser and FF/PM Dehmlow attended the Water Rescue Operations class held by the Division. This is a State Fire Marshal class.

FF/PM Rusciollelli began his fire academy class at NIPSTA.

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 it. 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	28	441	216	3412

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 Dee Casey.

Dee was instrumental in preparing and executing the Tacofest for the fire department this past month. This included the set up, getting a vendor and organizing the event with the shift.

Further, Dee has had to re-type numerous documents that we can not locate including the Rules and Regulations. She is now working on the SOG's

Dee has coordinated many of the administrative tasks including time coming, clothing, reports for the Chief and the other officers and 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.

House Bill 3773 – 10 year Battery Smoke Detectors

This bill was signed into law by the Governor. It amends the Smoke detector act to require homes built before 1988 which are using removable battery alarms to replace them with long 10 year non-

removable batteries over the next five years.

FF/PM Neimand is updating and revising the inspectional form on the ipads. One of the most important additions is that we will check at the beginning of the Inspection and verify that the business has a current valid Business License. More to follow.

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 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.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

FF/PM Warden and members are actively working on Fire Prevention Month. As part of the festivities an Open House was held on October 14th. See photos

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.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) 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 held its Employee Appreciation and Thank You on September 21st. This year's theme was Taco Fest. (see photos)

The Association through fundraising of Autism shirts made a presentation of a check for \$11,000 to the Twin Hearts foundation.

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 had their baby September 28th. Congratulations!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

We are also sad to bid adieu to our Public Works Director Tim Ridder who will be taking a position with FEMA to help the four areas in the southern part of the United States recover from the recent hurricanes

We have been notified by Chief Brehm that Chief Ivonelli (ret.) FRPK, was in a serious motorcycle accident

recently. He has a fractured pelvis, forearms and other injuries and is at Loyola University Medical Center in ICU. He has had several surgeries and more are expected. Keep him in your thoughts.

A thank you was received from Margo Lipecka thanking the fire department for the Tacofest and the efforts everyone put forth.

The Porro family sent a note of thanks to the fire department for our service and support.

The O'Leary family sent a thank you to the members who kept John O'Leary's mom Shelia in their thoughts and prayers at her passing.

A letter of thanks and appreciation was received from the Twin Hearts Foundation thanking the Association for the donation of \$11,000.

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 RIT (rapid intervention tools). This will be a total kit rather than throwing tools together and have some consistency.

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...

Nature and wisdom never are at strife.

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 – Members attend the 9/11 Ceremony and luncheon in at the Leyden Firehouse sponsored by Travis Hill. FF/PM Dehmlow wins the Grand Prize from the raffle

Page 8- The Firefighters Association sponsors its Annual Thank You and Appreciation lunch for all Village Employees. This Year's theme was Taco Fest.

Page 9-10 – The Schiller Park Fire Department hosts an Open House for Fire Prevention Week. Several Village Officials helped serve Hot Dogs and food. The event also had several vendors including SMG, Walgreens for Flu shots, the Historical Society, CPR/Car seat info, Schiller Park Police, the Red Cross. Children also had the opportunity to put out simulated fires and meet with Sparky the Fire Dog and Pluggie the fire hydrant.



