

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> when Black shift responded to a school bus on fire. On scene members found the bus evacuated of the students and driver. It was determined that the bus was not on fire but smoking because of mechanical problems attributed to the transmission.

The next day on the 21<sup>st</sup> a donut shop in town had an automatic fire alarm. Red shift arrived to find that a plastic container was placed in the oven and began to melt setting off the detectors.

Red shift next responded to a lock out in a hotel. Police were on the scene and the shift was informed that the person might need medical attention. Lt. Budnik then requested an ambulance. A security key was used to enter the room where both police and fire members found the patient sleeping.

April 24<sup>th</sup> saw Red shift take in an automatic fire alarm. When members entered the front door, they were met by the manager who stated that it was a false alarm. He told the crew that a truck driver pulled the pull station in the front lobby thinking it was a doorbell.

Wires down on a truck was the next call for Red shift on the 24<sup>th</sup>. They found a semi-truck with cable and phone wires on the truck. Members removed the wires with pike poles and the area was barricaded until the utilities companies could re-string.

Gold shift late afternoon on the 25<sup>th</sup> responded to smoke coming from the roof. On scene B/C Cesaretti saw brown smoke from all four sides of

the structure. Roofers indicated they had propane tanks on the roof and were using torches up there. A Full Still was called for the Working Fire. A hose line was stretched to the second floor and along with Franklin Park began to make some progress. Rosemont acted as the rapid intervention team. Norwood park went to work with our Truck 5. As the fire conditions changed and began to push through the roof it was decided to go from an offensive mode to defensive mode and companies were pulled out of the interior. The rear of the roof collapsed, and Norwood Park set up their tower ladder. After knocking the fire down members returned to the interior attack.

April 29<sup>th</sup> had an automatic fire alarm in a multi-unit apartment building. The fire investigative team found burnt food in one of the apartments. It was ventilated, and the alarm reset.

May began on the 1<sup>st</sup> when Red shift took in a possible car fire. Members searching the area found that the car fire was car exhaust coming through the fence from next door.

Our next call on the 1<sup>st</sup> was for a rollover on Mannheim. Schiller Park arrived along with Chicago to find a small car which was involved. Patient was treated and transported.

Gold shift picking up where Red shift left off took in a call for a person burning leaves. Police were already on the scene and were told that the person had a bonfire in the backyard. The resident was in the process of putting out the fire and no other dangers were present.

May 4<sup>th</sup> had a fire alarm going off in an apartment. Red shift arrived and found a smoke detector going off in the bathroom.

The first of two dumpster fires at the same location occurred on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The fire was confined to the dumpster and 100 gallons of water were used.

Next up an EMS call came in where members found both front and rear doors locked. Looking through the windows members could see a

person walking around inside but who would not come to the door. Family members arrived and stated their mother gets confused. They used their key and made entry. The patient was assessed, and no problems were found.

A rollover accident May 6<sup>th</sup> had Black shift take it in. B/C Leiser reported that there were two cars involved with one on its roof. A Pin In response also brought in Franklin Park Truck 2 and Rosemont ambulance.

Black shift then responded to a life alert activation. Police stated that the doors were locked and no one answering the knocking. A decision was made to force entry through an unlocked window. The resident was found inside the house unaware of the accidental activation of the alarm.

A fire alarm going off in the store on May 7<sup>th</sup> had Red shift respond. The fire investigative found a smoke detector in one of the aisles activated with no cause. A fire watch was then set up by the store.

Black shift was called on May 8<sup>th</sup> to the scene of a loud bang and a hole in the ceiling. The owner stated when companies arrived that she heard a loud bang from the second floor and when she went upstairs she saw a hole in the ceiling. Upon further investigation it was found that a joist in the roof area had come loose and fallen causing a hole in ceiling.

Late in the evening on May 9<sup>th</sup> a Box Alarm in Melrose Park had Truck 5 and Battalion 5 respond to the structure fire. Truck 5 arrived and put the main ladder to the roof and ventilated the building. After requesting investigators to the scene Lt. Jeffrey took in the call for origin and cause.

Before the shift was over a traffic accident involving a school bus and a box truck had companies respond. Ambulance 5 per protocol stayed on scene awaiting school personnel to sign off on the children. And the parents.

Lt. Jeffrey and crew took in a call for

a person stuck in an elevator. As they arrived they were told that the person self-extricated.

A fire alarm later in the shift had members take in the call. On scene the building manager said it was false as they were power washing in the warehouse and set alarm.

May 12<sup>th</sup> had dispatch send a pin in response for a rollover. This brought Rosemont and Franklin Park to the scene to assist with the call.

Next up on the 12<sup>th</sup> members responded to a report of fire and open burning. Upon arrival the shift found a large burn in the back yard. The owner was burning old fence material. The owner was advised that this is not permissible, and the fire was put out a bucket of water.

Gold shift took in a fire alarm on the 13<sup>th</sup> and found in the apartment n=building a detector activated in the men's washroom. No cause was found.

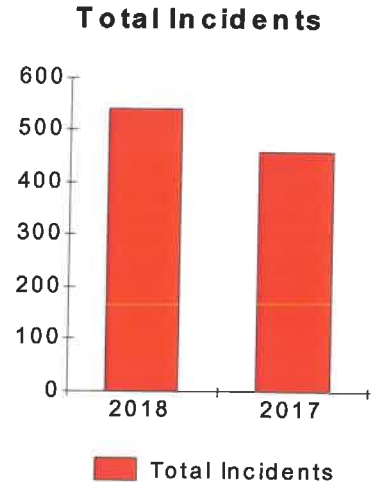
An accident along Irving park between River road and Cumberland had a dual response from both Chicago and Schiller Park. This time we assisted Chicago and they transported.

May 14<sup>th</sup> found a fire alarm in a commercial building. Black shift arrived and found the alarm indicating the loading dock area. The fire investigative team found that the exhaust of a truck tripped a sprinkler head causing a water flow alarm. The system was shut down and alarm reset.

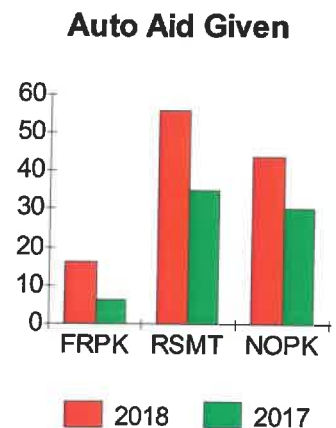
Battalion 5 responded to Norwood Park on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the gas spill. Battalion 5 replaced NOPK 11 who was on a previous call.

The last call for the reporting period on the 16<sup>th</sup> was the second dumpster fire at the same location as a previous. This time a resident said she heard someone say that it was intentionally set. Fire Investigators and Detectives are looking into the matter.

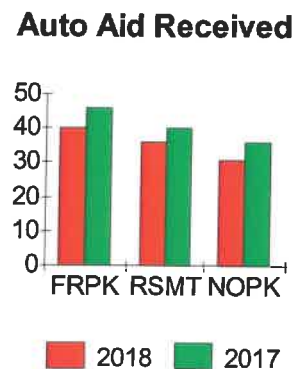
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30<sup>th</sup> "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30<sup>th</sup> "From":



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	687	623

**Auto Aid to:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	28	18
Norwood Park (NOPK)	56	45
Rosemont (RSMT)	73	49

**Auto Aid From:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	57	59
Norwood Park (NOPK)	45	47
Rosemont (RSMT)	52	51

who we worked very closely with. He will be missed.

The Pension Board has posted our financial statement in the kitchen. It chronicles since 1979 the percentage that we are funded. And data specific to our department for the last five years from the Department of Insurance.

Some of you may have noticed recently that Hollywood came to Schiller Park. Jimmy Johns was filming a national commercial to be aired here in Schiller Park.

Franklin Park has received their new E-One ladder truck. It went to the FDIC showcase and while it was there we were River Groves Still alarm truck. Truck 2 went into service May 19<sup>th</sup> at an old fashion push in party. Truck 2 is a quint running out of station 2.

The Division is looking at a night out at the Chicago Dogs baseball team in Rosemont. The team is a Class AA club, and this is their inaugural season. It will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup> and cost \$40 for the party deck including food and soda pop. Contact Chief Brehm in Franklin Park for tickets.

PM Davis called to say how much he misses us and to keep his spot warm. He intends to return when his stint at the Chicago Fire Academy is over.

We received notice that we were turned down for the Com Ed grant as we were a recipient in 2016. We are looking onto how long before we can apply again. This grant was to get battery operated hydraulic tools.

We are also looking at the OSFM small tool grant program for a posi check and porta count machine.

We are still trying to sell Tower Ladder 454. We have it listed on 15 brokers besides Ebay, State Fire

Marshal and Govdeals.com.

## Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

A number of items have been worked on this past month.

Engine 5 (455) returned from the shops after its preventive maintenance. While most of the repairs were made by Global Tony will complete many of the identified items in house.

Tower Ladder 5 (454) returned from the shops after preventive maintenance and repair of burst hydraulic lines. It also had its U.L. ladder certification done here in Schiller Park as an incentive for someone to purchase.

Truck 5 had an exhaust hose repair and a door sensor by Fire Service Inc.

FF/PM Bubis installed a new digital combination lock on the rear door. This one is more weather resistant.

As a reminder, DO NOT RUN any vehicle in-house connected to the air exhaust system.

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...

Triton EMT program has ended for the semester. We were able to assist 15 students this semester. Loyola's paramedic program will start up in the Fall.

Gottlieb celebrated EMS Week May 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 until 5:00 PM with a Southern Style BBQ in the ED Ambulance Bay. Resurrection sent pizzas to the three shifts and Loyola held a cook out. Thanks to all EMS

## Chief's Corner

### *We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

Because of the success of the monitor in the kitchen linking crewsense and our CAD system a second board was installed at the bottom of the stairs. We have also included additional information on the boards such as weather, news links pictures of call locations and last 10 calls we responded to plotted on a map.

We are in the process of updating all our Standard Operating Guidelines. Approximately 35 are written and under review. I hope to have them all by the end of the Summer.

The Village has approved the purchase of 2 new MDT's to replace our 11-year-old models. They have arrived and are now being set up at Loyola for Zolll and then ID networks.

Our congratulations to Lt. Jim Flynn of Hillside who is retiring after 30 years. Information about a retirement party is in the kitchen.

Congratulations also go out to Lt. Paul Ramirez of Rosemont who will be retiring after 25 years. Paul was also the training officer for Rosemont

workers.

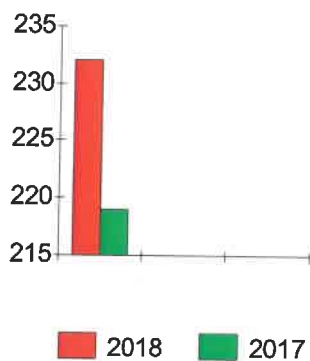
Loyola Medical System also hosted their annual awards breakfast May 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief Chiodo represented our department.

When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, 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 116 emergency calls. A total of 101 patients were encountered. 68 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	103	451
ALS Transports	44	185
BLS Transports	23	85
Refusals/MPR's	15	84
Other Non-Transports	3	29
Fire Responses	18	68
CPR Students taught	5	7
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	10
SHPK to others	7	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 pass it on to your Officers.

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 attributes does the six-pointed Star of Life represent?

- Detection
- Reporting
- Response
- On-scene care
- Care in transit
- Transfer of definitive care

There were three correct answers submitted- Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester, Chief Adams Westchester, and Jimmy "Z" Ziebka.

#### May Trivia

In honor of the new Truck 2, when was the first appearance of an aerial apparatus in America and who patented the first operable and successful aerial.

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* 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 received from the State Fire Marshal a check for training reimbursements in the amount of \$9393.26.

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Swiontek attended the FDIC conference and training in Indy. Chief Chiodo and FF/PM Schneider attended the exhibits.

FF/PM Jackson participated in the Division 20 Honor Guard competition at FDIC. Our team came in the top 5 in the country.

Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Miletta attended the Apartment Fire and tactics in Carol Stream.

FF/PM Bubis attended Rope Operations at NIPSTA getting certified by the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Miletta also completed Rope Operations through Division 20. This class is necessary for Advanced Firefighter certification.

All members trained with Franklin Park in METRA train safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Niemand who is the recipient of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association scholarship. Adam will receive \$1,000 for his continuing education.

The Division also received a letter from Lt. Paul Ramirez training officer in Rosemont that he is retiring and the thanks to all the members who have helped him in the last several years. He will miss many of us. And to Be Safe until you can't get it wrong.

The State Fire Marshal has partnered again with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Any class that the Institute gives will have the end of class test

count as the State certification exam. Other agencies delivering classes will NOT have the same privilege. You will need to take a separate State test. See Lt. Leiser.

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 385 hours of training for the month with 37 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	27	442	113	1306

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 P.O. Biernacki and FF/PM Rusciollelli.

P.O. Biernacki assisted our firefighters at the Cemetery fire by providing water to firefighters and assisting in re-hab. P.O. Biernacki paid for the water out of his own pocket and was an asset on scene. The cooperation of both fire and police departments show the bond that all first responders embrace.

Our second choice is FF/PM Rusciollelli who is half way through his probation. As part of probation each candidate is given a Probationary Leadership Project. Brandon was given two- update all our mutual aid Box Cards and create the new "reference guide" for it. Some of our mutual aid communities had not updated their cards to us in several years. We found that we moved from the 5<sup>th</sup> alarm in Wood Dale to the 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also was to investigate uniform vendors. Brandon has completed the first task very admirably and continues to work on the second.

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 have completed their 2017 inspections and started their 2018

inspections. Each shift has 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.

We have been notified by Knox Box that they are discontinuing several their products that at the end of their Life cycle. Please check with their memo if any are in question.

With the improvement from our ISO grading a letter was sent out to commercial subscribers letting them know our new classification and asking them to check with their insurance companies to see if their insurance premiums will be affected.

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.

When checking sprinkler/standpipe connections please see that it is a stortz fitting. If they have not complied with our request to change the connection, please advise that we may be able to hook up to that system. Any questions can be referred to Chief Chiodo.

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*

Members attended the D.A.R.E. graduation at Lincoln school for the Washington School graduates on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

With Summer approaching we are beginning to get requests for Parades. Schiller Park will have its 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00. This will allow employees to have the official holiday OFF. Westchester is having a parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> and looking for our participation. See FF/PM Schneider for info.

Members attended the Washington School Memorial Day concert on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Division is hosting a day at the Chicago Dogs baseball on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$40 for your ticket, party deck, food and soda. See flier in the kitchen.

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.

## Retiree Row

This month we want to pass on info received from our retired members:

POC FF Quinn (ret.) was present at the Cemetery fire this past month and true to his heart assisted firefighters throughout the operation. Pat helped re-locate fire lines and helped with hose rolling. Big thanks for all his help at this operation and incident.

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](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).

## Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association found out that a firefighter and friend from River Grove, John Paczesny, suffered a heart attack while in quarters. A fundraiser is being held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the underpass in Franklin Park.

Broadview's Fire Explorers are also holding a fundraiser on May 27<sup>th</sup> to assist in their program. A Pancake breakfast will help raise funds for their gear and supplies.

For more information see the flier in the kitchen or contact one of the Association officers.

## Foreign Fire

The Foreign Fire Insurance group met this past month and approved several purchases. These included a second display board for the

apparatus floor, new access point on apparatus floor, a CAD workstation license, ratcheting hydrant wrench exercise mats.

## Letters and Notes

We received several notes and thanks you's this past month. They include:

A note from former Trustee Irene Del Guidance thanked the fire department with their quick response and help with an issue she had.

A letter was received from the Division 20 Honor Guard thanking us for allowing FF/PM Jackson to attend and participate in the Honor Guard competition in Indy.

And lastly the Broadview Fire Department thanked us for our assistance at the Haz Mat situation at Loyola Hospital this past month.

## Emergency Mgmt.

B/C Leiser and Trustee Deegan are working with the Village Officials in completing any necessary NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities. Some tabletop drills will be planned for 2018. The EOP is on the shared drive on our computers.

We received word that we were turned down for a grant from Com Ed for e-tools. We await word from the OSFM on our Posi check grant.

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.

## And Finally...

The world was designed and built to overwhelm and astonish.

# 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](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).*

## Pictures:

Page 7- FF/PM Warden attends the Rope Operations class and prepares to rappel.

Page 8- FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Miletta work as a team in rescue.

Page 9-10 members in the Rope Operations class practice rescues, riggings and point of advantage hauls

Page 11-12 Members of the Division 20 Honor Guard participate in the Honor Guard competition in Indianapolis ranking in the top 5 in the nation. Division 20 was the only Honor Guard who raises the casket during competition.







