

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 17th when we were dispatched for a person in a car needing an ambulance. As members of Red shift pulled up they found the car with a person who stated that they just needed to make a phone call and didn't need an ambulance.

June 21st saw Gold shift take in a call to assist the police with a person who barricaded themselves in their house. A NIPAS police assignment arrived and after two hours the person exited without further incident. This was our first time where we wore our ballistic gear per the NIPAS team.

While the engine and ambulance were tied up on the previous call, a fire alarm in one of our hotels had truck 5 and Battalion 5 respond along with Franklin Park, Norwood Park and Rosemont. The fire investigation team found the activation on the 5th floor where a guest burnt food in the microwave.

Black shift on the 23rd took in a call for smoke in the building. Upon arrival truck 5 checked the attic space and then using the thermal imaging camera other areas for hot spots. Source of smoke was determined to be the furnace and the house was ventilated with fans.

After shift change Red shift was sent to a call for wires down. The engine company arrived to find that the wires were phone and cable wires hanging low and a truck catching them and ripping them down. Notifications were made to the appropriate agencies.

An automatic fire alarm then took red shift to a business where the cause was determined to be burnt food in

the kitchen. While members investigated this call, a person approached the fire companies indicating they were locked out of their home. After verifying their identity and it was their home, a 24 foot ladder was placed to the building where a window was open and members gained entry.

June 26th had Gold shift respond to a man on the ground. Lt. Leiser and the crew arrived and found that the person said they were just resting and no EMS was needed.

A fire alarm on June 29th had Red shift and auto aid take it in. On scene B/C Cesaretti noticed that a production company filming a commercial was at this location and a smoke machine set off the detector.

During the previous call another fire alarm had Franklin Park truck 2 and Battalion 2 divert where they found a pull station activated outside of the restaurant on the first floor of the hotel and no apparent cause.

Gold shift on the 30th was called to the toll way for a semi trailer versus a SUV. Members were able to remove one person and transport to the hospital.

Later in the shift Gold shift went back to the toll way for an accident with injuries. B/C Hatcher pulled up to the reported scene and found that it was not an accident but a semi-trailer with a flat tire. No service needed from us.

July 2nd saw Red shift respond to the toll way for a three car crash. Cars were scattered on both shoulders and ambulance 5 transported to Resurrection.

While companies were on the toll way an automatic fire alarm came in. With companies committed to the toll way Chief Chiodo took it in along with automatic aid. At the location a worker had hit a smoke detector with water and set off the alarm.

While engine 5 was checking an alarm later in the shift passers-by notified them that a woman might be pinned against the building by a car. Members rushed to the scene and

found a woman had been grazed by a vehicle before the car struck the building. She was transported complaining of leg pain.

Red shift then took in a call for a brush fire. Members arrived in engine 5 and found it was landscape mulch along the side of the building. No flame was present and it may have been smoldering. A rake was used to move the mulch while water was applied.

July 3rd had Gold shift take in a water flow alarm on the toll way oasis. Lt. Leiser and his crew found a broken sprinkler head in one of the coolers. The system was shut down and the second truck investigated smoke from the cooler.

While companies were committed to the toll way call a rollover accident came in to Schiller Park dispatch. Chief Chiodo took in the three car rollover and arrived to find one on its roof. Norwood park and Rosemont diverted from the previous call and met Chief Chiodo on scene where they secured the vehicles and awaited our ambulance.

A second rollover a few hours later also had a pin-in response. Lt. Leiser responded to this incident and assumed Command.

After picking up from this call MCD sent crews to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Ambulance 5 assessed the scene and treated , transported the injured.

Before the shift was over and after midnight the tones went off for an automatic aid call to Franklin Park and a working structure fire. Franklin Park had a number of garages going that communicated to the Ice Arena. Battalion 5 was given Command of this operation and ordered truck 5 to the roof. Truck 5 then went interior opening up walls and ceiling. After bringing the fire under control members helped overhaul and wash down.

July 4th, Independence Day, had Black shift went up to the toll way for a call of a car versus a motorcycle.

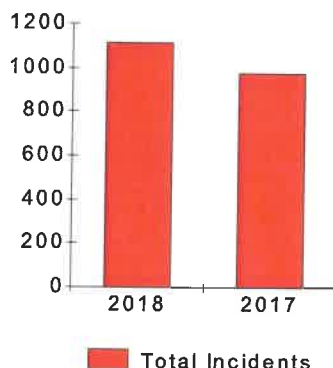
Fortunately for the rider they were able to walk away.

Gold shift on July 10th took in a call for a person struck by an automobile. The person was not seriously injured and our ambulance obtained a refusal.

The last call for this reporting period had Engine 5 take in a gas leak inside a house. A building representative stated that NICOR was already on scene and found a repaired leak by the boiler. NICOR had the incident turned over to them to work out the details with the building.

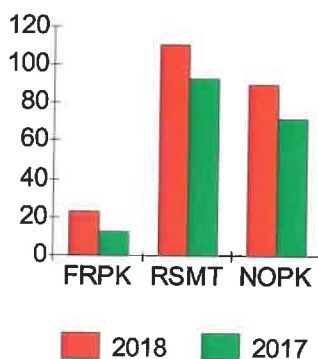
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Total Incidents



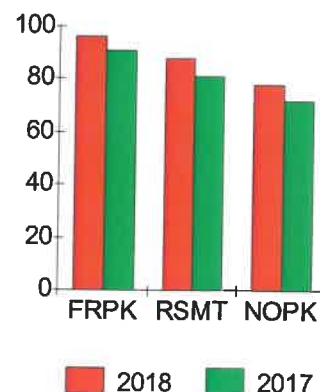
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	1110	978

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	23	12
Norwood Park (NOPK)	90	72
Rosemont (RSMT)	11	93

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	96	91
Norwood Park (NOPK)	78	72
Rosemont (RSMT)	88	81

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Farias returned to duty after an injury playing sports. He completed re-hab and was cleared by his doctor and the department physician.

We are in the process of updating all our Standard Operating Guidelines. Approximately 50 are written and under review

As many of you are already painfully aware the northbound ramps to I-294 are closed. They will remain shut down until approximately December. This will allow for inner lane prep work. As a result the lanes needed to be shifted over and this did not allow a safe margin for merging going northbound. The oasis is still scheduled to come down early October. The toll way and Schiller Park hosted a breakfast for businesses that may be impacted by these changes and other Schiller Park businesses where the 10 year plan was spelled out. A map of the work is included at the end of this issue.

I have met with all three shifts concerning our new mental health wellness initiative. I believe strongly in taking care of each other physically and mentally and hope that this will benefit each member in some way. This conforms to NFPA 1500 and 1582.

MCD now has the ability to stack tones. This will allow for daily testing at 0700 with Norwood Park. We will eliminate the 0900 test over the radio on Mondays. With the stacked tones auto aid calls will use this method with the first tone being the primary fire department. If there are any concerns with MCD see B/C Leiser so that they can be addressed.

It is with mixed emotion that we say good-bye to Tower Ladder 5 (454). The Glenville Fire Department, outside Minneapolis, purchased our truck after several hours of negotiations. They drove it home after electronically transferring the money. It will replace a 1988 tower ladder that they had.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Nick Santiago who recently got married June 2, 2018.

Our congratulations also to one of our "brothers" FF Joey Irsuto from

Norwood Park on retiring after 20 plus years. Joey is the son of former Village Clerk Claudia Irsuto and retired Det. Irsuto (Schiller Park).

The Woodmen Life Company showed its appreciation to First Responders by hosting a lunch on June 29th. They provided lunch and presented certificates to the Fire, Police and EMS crews.

Schiller Park had a combined celebration on July 1st with a parade for walking, pets and bikes that ended at Stalica Park with festivities. It starts The fire department led the event with its fire apparatus.

We also participated in two parades that we were invited to for the 4th of July. Both Westchester and Elmwood Park celebrated and has Schiller Park apparatus as part of their celebration.

The Division held 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 was held July 2nd with a party deck including food and soda pop.

We received notice from the OSFM small tool grant program for a posi check and porta count machine that we did not make the cut.

Dates to remember:
August 25-Pierogi and Fun
August 26 Village Annual Car Show
September 11- Patriot Day

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

Tony Calafati installed the dash cam in 458 this past month. He only has left Squad 5 (453) in our fleet to

complete.

Tony also worked on repairing the auto charger in Battalion 5 that was not charging the electrical system.

Lastly, members fixed the K970 rotary saw with the anti-vibration element. For us old timers it was the Partner K-12, now new model and new owner of the company Husqvarna K-950)

Community Development has informed us that the alleys for Susy/Sally are being repaved. This will cause additional parking and double parking as tenants try to find spots. This may temporarily impede us. The 20 buildings should be completed by the time you read this.

A new computer and monitor were placed in the Lieutenants office. Firehouse was updated. We are expecting a new vendor for NFIRS very shortly. Emergency Reporting used by several of our neighbors has the most user friendly program.

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...

We were fortunate to have Tony repair our air conditioning in ambulance 6 this past month. With temperatures in the 90's it would have been out of service.

A note was received from Loyola indicating that Sue will be on FMLA effective immediately. If you need you can contact others in the office. Sue will be in periodically to check up on things.

We have place "misters" on both ambulances that can be used in Re-Hab or at events where the

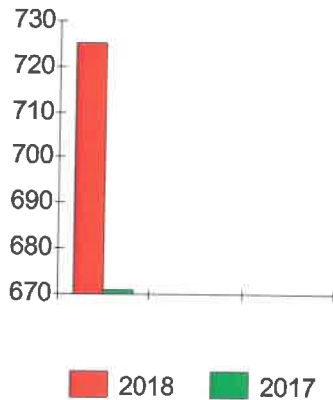
temperatures and humidity are expected to be high. They work with a fan and the 5 gallon water source. The battery last about two hours and we purchased additional batteries and charger.

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 127 emergency calls. A total of 123 patients were encountered. 82 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	127	725
ALS Transports	50	278
BLS Transports	32	165
Refusals/MPR's	23	128
Other Non-Transports	5	46
Fire Responses	21	112
CPR Students taught	0	7
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	24
SHPK to others	3	31

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
- Mount association shifts
- Bell stand for ceremonies
- New floor covering for safety on apparatus floor
- 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

What event brought to the forefront the versatility of the Hayes Ladder Truck?

A significant fire in 1871 in San Francisco that consumed a large section of the city and significant property damage could have been saved if a water stream were available and capable of reaching upper floors.

One correct answer was submitted by Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka.

July Trivia

Who invented the fire hydrant?

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.

All members and shifts did joint training with Rosemont on CTA third rail training, safety and PACE buses.

Members also worked with Rosemont training on standpipe and high rise operations last month.

FF/PM Leao attended Truck Company operations class in Orland Park.

FF/PM Miletta received his Vehicle Machinery Technical certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Division is sponsoring a Vehicle Machinery Technician class in September. The practical portion will be completed here in Schiller Park. Contact Lt. Leiser if interested.

Many of the OSFM classes will require continuing education. Please review if any certification you hold requires Con Ed. If you would like to be certified in the future also check what the requirements will be. The OSFM is reviewing the required con ed in all areas.

All members are reminded that we have a large chunk of credit at Triton College for classes for our firefighters. This was in exchange for our donation of engine 456. Please consider taking classes and earning your Associate degree at the minimum.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department reached out to us through PM Davis (CFD Instructor) about the use of the vindicator nozzle. They wanted our feedback and the ability to train with it. We loaned them our spare and they are testing and complying data that they shared with us. If anyone would like to see their results see Chief Chiodo. They have since returned the nozzle.

The State Fire Marshal is transitioning to computer based testing. Twenty-five state written examinations will be available with this new process. As certification programs are revised to the updated NFPA standards, more examinations will become available. As with most of the revised programs, continuing education hours or points accompany the certification. Please talk to Lt. Leiser for complete information and requirements.

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.

Members completed 253 hours of training for the month with 19 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	19	253	176	2205

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 FF/PM Kady.

FF/PM Kady was given the assignment of finding a buyer for our Tower Ladder. He contacted several brokers and had it listed in over 10 areas and sites.

When a lead surfaced he and Lt. Budnik followed up and made contact.

Eventually the Glenville Fire Department contacted Dave and Dave was the initial go-between with their Chief and our Chief. Dave was able to help close the deal. Dave did give credit to Lt. Budnik who did a substantial amount of leg work and handed it off to Dave.

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 half way through their inspections for 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 actively doing the fire hydrant flushing and doing fire flows in a grid type pattern so that we have accurate data. We have also gone out and done specific flows in areas where new businesses are looking to re-locate so they have accurate numbers.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working on many significant new development projects that will be coming or moving into town. With this progression we are taxing the bureau and any help that can be given to B/C Hatcher would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for members to go to advance training for Fire Prevention and Inspection/Inspector.

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.

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 of the Fire Department participated in the annual Health Fair in Park Ridge sponsored by Representative McAulliff.

We also were present at the National Holy Name Celebration at St. Maria Goretti on June 22nd.

We participated in our own parade on July 1st and in Westchester for July 4th along with an engine in Elmwood Parks parade on the 4th.

The Division hosted a day at the Chicago Dogs baseball on July 2nd. While turn out was low we hope that it will grow for the next 1st Responder Night.

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

I am sad to report that a former member Bobby Ritt has passed

away. Bobby was a member from 8-19-74 until 11-10-81. He leaves behind three children. Bobby passed away June 2, 2018.

POC Stachura (rsn) came by for a visit on June 25th to tell us that the toll way had visited him and his wife to make an offer on their house as part of the expansion program.

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.

Letters and Notes

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

A resignation letter from FF/PM O'Leary wanted to thank all the members for their help and friendship over the last few years. John has decided to return to Chicago Police Department as a Police Officer.

Everyone received care packages from the Rusciolelli family thanking us for what we do as firefighters and paramedics.

The Broadview Fire Department sent a note thanking us for our assistance at a chlorine leak at their Village pool.

The family of Chicago Firefighter and diver Juan Bucio also sent a thank you for us attending the wake and funeral.

Emergency Mgmt.

We are having meeting with First Net representatives over a new State approved communication system administered by either AT and T or Verizon.

B/C Leiser is also working on an MOU with Melrose Park ESDA for response assistance.

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 have cleaned up the mass notification system of old numbers, bad numbers, disconnected numbers as well as updating all employees contact info.

Association News

The Firefighters association will host its picnic on August 11th at Stalica park from 11-3.

And Finally...

You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on life.

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.

Pictures:

Page 8-9 Members and their families of MABAS Division 20 attend the Chicago Dogs 1st Responder baseball game on July 2, 2018.

Page 10 Upper Left and Right- Rollover accident on Mannheim at United Parkway

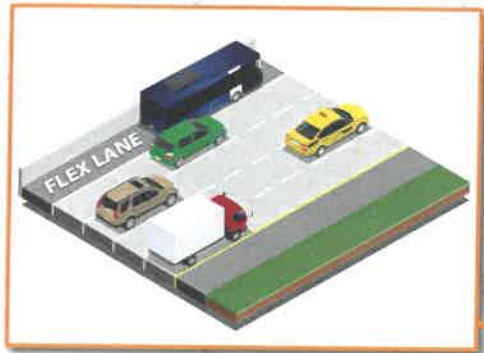
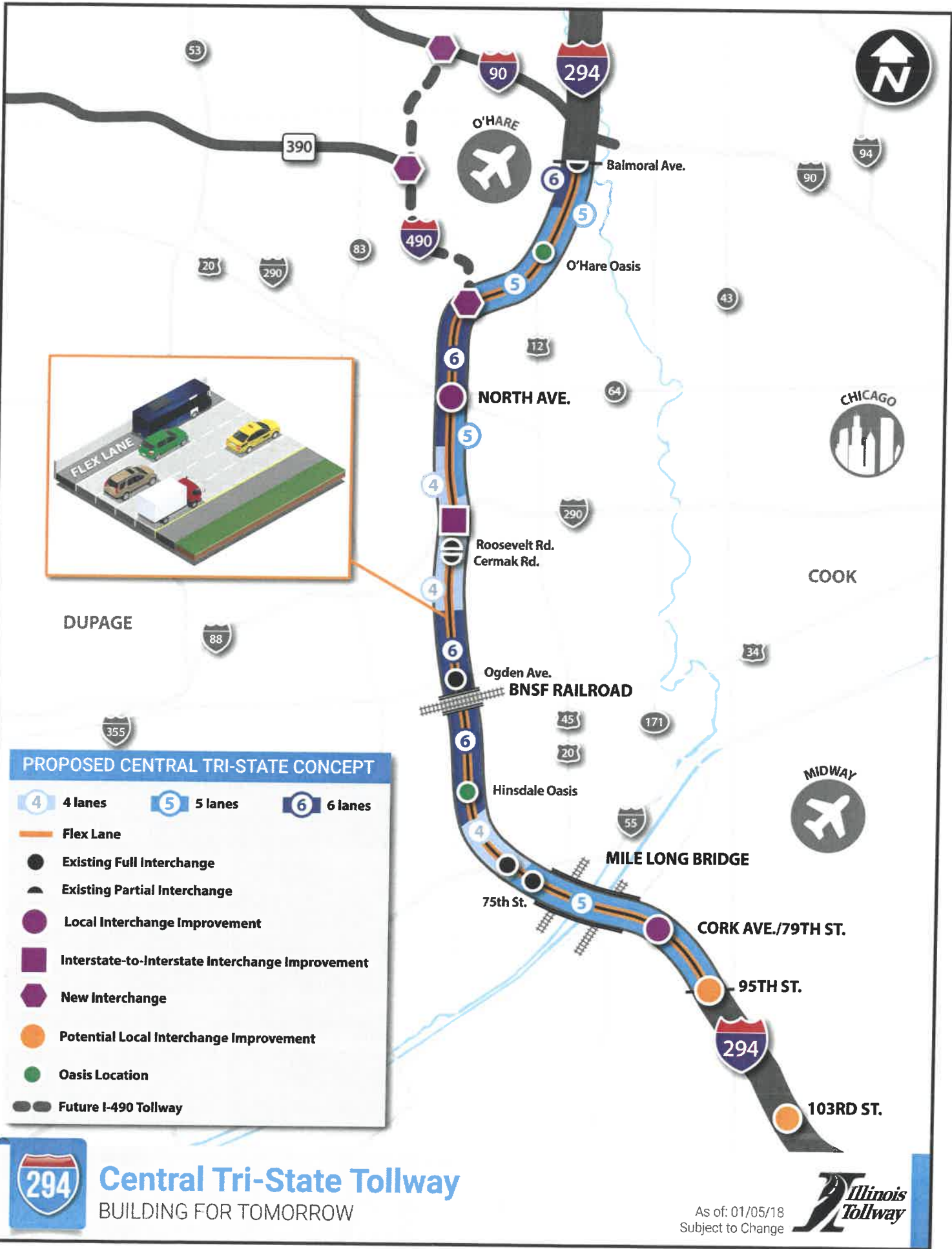
Page 10 Glenville, MN Fire Department drives away Tower Ladder 5 (454) after purchase and its last ride through Schiller Park.

Page 11- 12 The Illinois Toll way time frame for construction on I-294









PROPOSED CENTRAL TRI-STATE CONCEPT

- 4 4 lanes 5 5 lanes 6 6 lanes
- Flex Lane
- Existing Full Interchange
- Existing Partial Interchange
- Local Interchange Improvement
- Interstate-to-Interstate Interchange Improvement
- New Interchange
- Potential Local Interchange Improvement
- Oasis Location
- Future I-490 Tollway

Central Tri-State Tollway
 BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

As of: 01/05/18
 Subject to Change