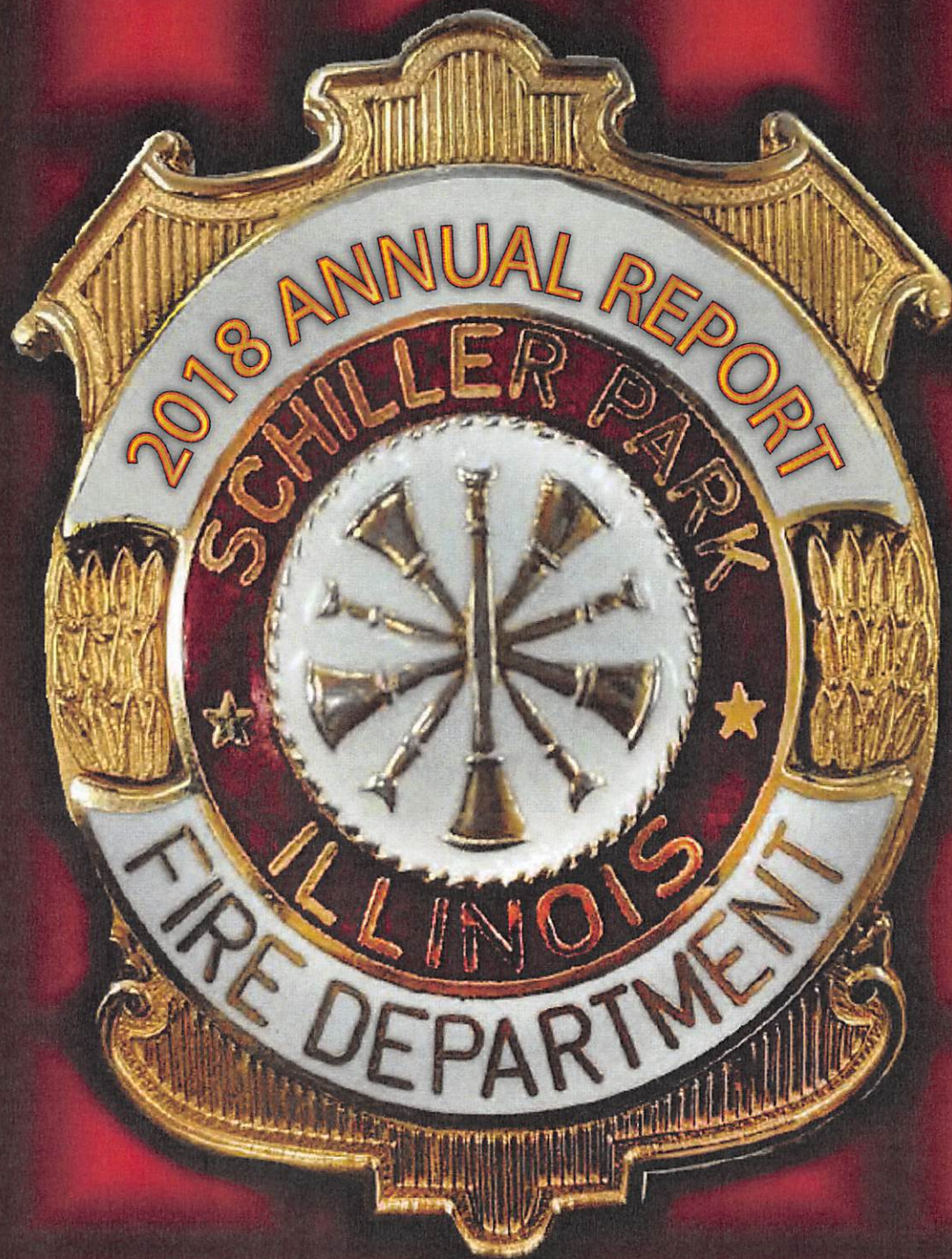


**93 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO THE COMMUNITY**



**Service Commitments**

*Desire to Serve • Courage to Act • Ability to Perform*



## *In Memory of those Gone Before Us*

The Schiller Park Fire Department has throughout 2018 honored those that have gone before us. We have joined with the Schiller Park Police Department keeping in our thoughts and prayers those that have served not only this community but communities throughout the country. We honor those that have given their all in line of duty and those that have served us and lived a good life both while in the service and after retirement. Over the last few years, both the Fire and Police Departments have lost members of Full-time Firefighters, Full-time Police Officers, Paid on Call Firefighters and Part-time/Reserve Police Officers. We will not forget the service these individuals have given to this community and may they Rest in Peace.



# Letter from the Fire Chief

Honorable Mayor Nick Caiafa  
Village of Schiller Park Board of Trustees  
Residents and Businesses

I am proud to present to you and the Village the 2018 Annual Report for the Schiller Park Fire Department.

2018 was the busiest year for calls that the Schiller Park Fire Department has seen in its history. With over 2,400 calls members responded to a plethora of incidents ranging from invalid assists to fires. These included a variety of specialty calls including hazardous materials, fire investigations and technical rescue incidents.

We are very proud to announce that the Insurance Service Organization which rates fire departments came out this past year and evaluated our department and Village. Some of the areas that we were graded included Vehicles, Training, Personnel, Water Supply, Dispatch, Record Keeping and Responses. As a result of all the dedication of all members and employees associated with our department we were able to improve our ISO rating to a Class 3 department. This will benefit businesses in town and insurance rates should be lowered.

We were also able to review and update all of our Standard Operating Guidelines and Rules and Regulations. This extensive overhaul replaced SOG's first implemented in 1996 and Rules in place since 1995. The comprehensive review will ensure that we are operating in a safe and efficient manner and will be updated every five years.

The Village of Schiller Park received a grant from the Federal Assistance to Firefighters program which allowed the firehouse to be retro-fitted with a diesel exhaust removal system. This was a savings to our department and the Village of over \$60,000.

FF/PM Timothy Bubis was nominated by his peers to be the Firefighter of the Year. Tim coordinates our CPR program, car seat installation program and worked not only on our ISO review process but evaluated and recommended a new Incident Reporting system which went live September 1st.

Continuing our transition to new technology a Smart Board was installed in the kitchen of the firehouse displaying shift and crew assignments, weather, news and connected to our Computer Aided Dispatch Center for dispatch location and information. New Mobile Data Terminals were also placed in both our ambulances. We also completed the fleet by installing Dash Cams in all Fire Department vehicles.

The Schiller Park Fire Department had FF/PM John Piculas take a non-duty pension after hurting his knee. FF/PM Rusciolleli completed his probationary period this past year and we welcomed a new Firefighter/Paramedic this year. FF/PM Dan Linehan was sworn in as a full-time firefighter/paramedic by the Fire and Police Commission at a Village Board meeting. We are pleased to have him aboard.

The Village also reorganized the department secretaries after the passing of Dana Nesbit in Community Development. As a result Dee Casey who had been with us for 3 years was reassigned to Community Development. Terri Roth will split her time, hopefully temporarily, covering both the Police Department and Fire Department.

We were saddened to learn that retired Paid on Call Lt. Sam DiMaggio passed away in August. Sam was a member as a Paid on Call since May 1966. Sam worked with the majority of our department and mentored many of the younger Paid On Call. Sam was one of the last three active Paid On Call members before retiring in 2015. He will be missed.

We also began the first program in Northern Illinois for fire departments by partnering with our Employee Assistance Program and providing all of our firefighters with semi-annual Mental Health Wellness appointments.

We have had many successes this past year. I encourage you to read this report and know that accomplishments are all of ours and not individuals. We are all very proud of our department and wear our Schiller Park Fire Department patch with Duty, Pride and Tradition.

Thank You

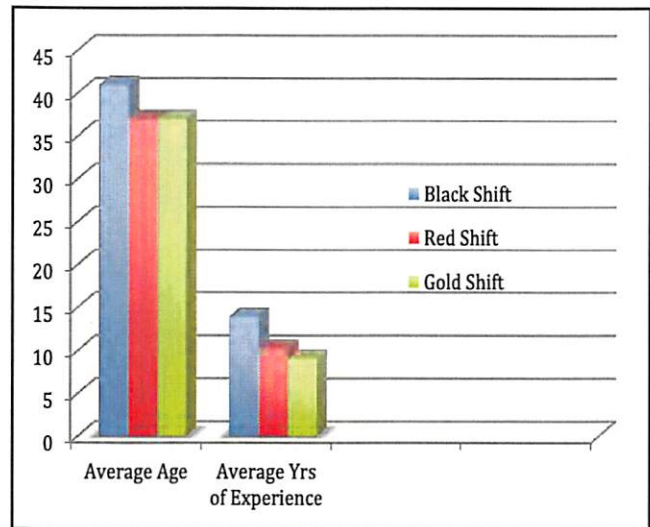
*Peter Chiodo*  
Fire Chief



# Personnel

## **Personnel:**

The Schiller Park Fire Department is comprised of 28 Fulltime Fire Personnel. The makeup of our personnel consist of twenty one(21) Firefighters/Paramedics, three (3) Lieutenant/Paramedics, two Battalion Chief/Paramedics, one (1) Battalion Chief and one (1) Fire Chief. As indicated in the Charts below our department is considered middle aged, with an average age of 39. Along with the average age increase of the department, our years of experience are also increasing to an average of 11.7 years of service. The Personnel of our department even though are older and wiser , we continue to train to be the best that we can be.



## **Retirements:**

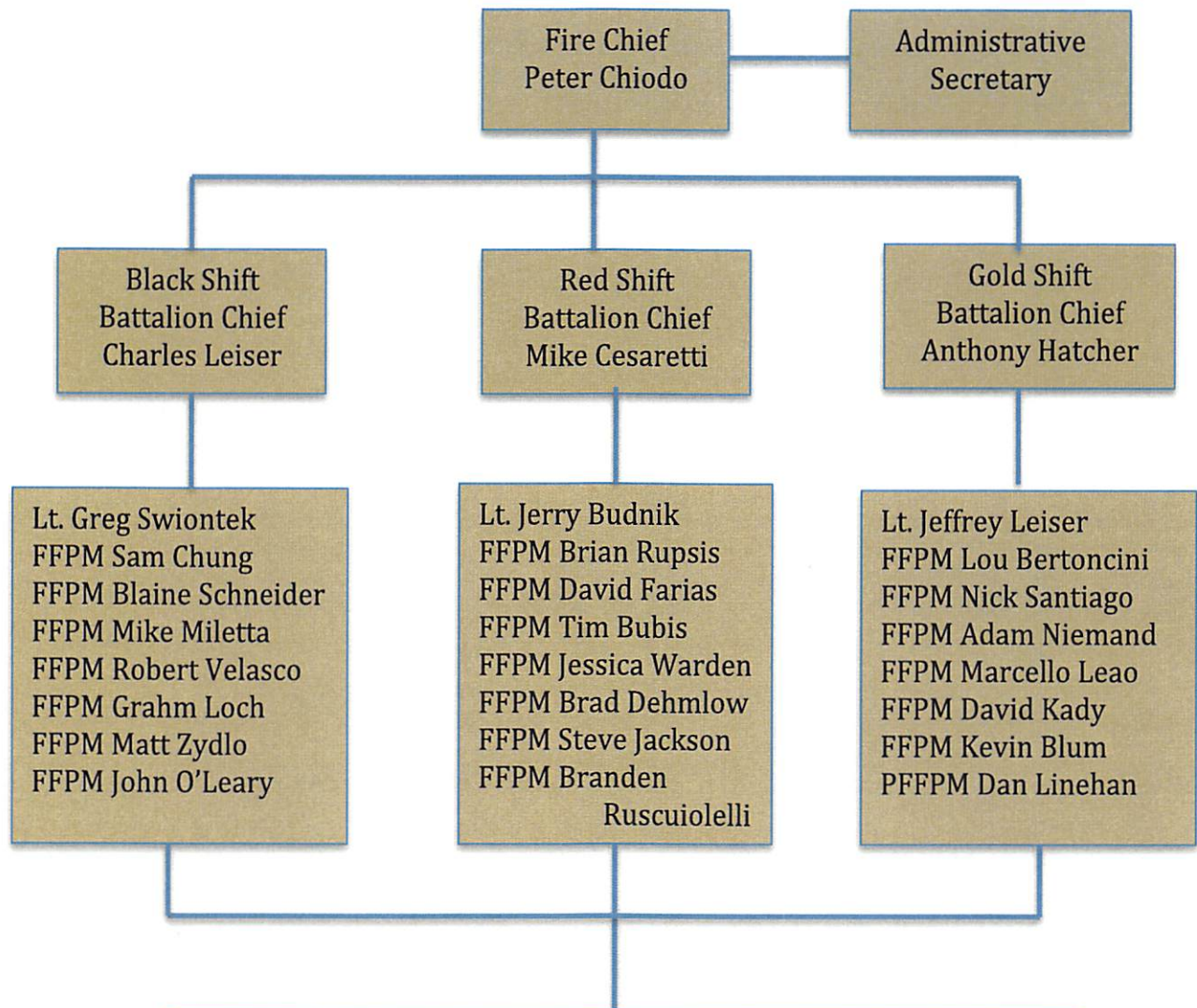
In 2018 the fire department did not have any retirements from the ranks. We did however have one of our personnel resign. FFPM John O'Leary spent 18 months with us on our department and realized he was really meant to be a police officer and returned to the ranks on the Chicago Police Department.

## **New Hires:**

With the resignation of FFPM O'Leary the Police and Fire Commission processed our next candidate Dan Linehan. Dan comes to our department with previous fire experience and continues to be evaluated during his Probationary period.



# The Schiller Park Fire Department Organization



## Firefighters Code of Honor

As a firefighter, we have the courage to be scared, but fight anyways. We have the integrity to do the right thing, because it's the right thing. We have the Moral Character to know what's right, and do it. We have the Work Ethic to be assigned a task, and complete it. We have Loyalty to our department and we will always defend it. We Respect our Superiors, even if we disagree. We have Pride in our service, and Pride in our Brothers/Sister's. We have Compassion for those we save...and those we don't. We are Firefighters, and we fight so that others may live, and we know we may die in the pursuit of ending the Loss Of Life



# Special Operations

The Division of Special Operations is under the direction of Lieutenant Jeffrey Leiser, who is responsible for working with MABAS Division 20's special teams. These teams are made up of members from members of the 18 towns that make up MABAS Division 20. These teams consist of the Hazards Materials Team, Fire Investigation Team, Technical Rescue Team and our two new teams, Water Rescue Team and the Drone Pilots Team. The Division 20 teams have their own specialized equipment and policies that require additional continued training.

**Hazardous Materials Team** – specializes in spills, leaks, fires and other incidents involving explosives, corrosives, fuels, toxic atmospheres and other compounds and chemicals which are harmful when accidentally released or involved in fire. In 2018 the Department added two (2) new members of our department to the Division team. FFPM's Jessica Warden and Grahm Loch. They have been through all the Haz-mat training required to be an active member of the team and will be a great asset to both the department and the division. Additional FEMA free training was attended by FFPM's Dehmlow and Loch in Pueblo Colorado on how to handle Rail Road incidents involving Crude Oil. Hundreds of rail cars of Crude Oil pass thru Schiller Park every year. The Hazardous Material Team responded to several Incidents this year include an Ethylene Oxide release at Loyola Hospital, Chlorine leak in Broadview, a Propane Tank Car derailment in Franklin Park, Ammonia leak in Franklin Park, and a Cocaine and Fentanyl incident in Melrose Park. Members of our department were also deployed with the Division Team to Rosemont for President Trump's visit there and to Chicago for the Jason Van Dyke trial decision.

**Technical Rescue Team** – responds to rescue incidents where people are trapped in confined spaces, below grade, high angle rescues, collapsed structures and difficult above grade situations. Annual training is conducted for all personnel in all types of technical rescues. FFPM Nick Santiago is the department liaison for the TRT and is actively involved with the team. Nick also assists in division training of the team members. Beginning last year the TRT responded automatically with the Haz-Mat Team and vice versa due to the complexity of these calls and the monitoring that may be required. There was only one (1) incident where the TRT was required and that was in Bensenville.



# Special Operations

**Fire Investigation Team** – aids in fire origin and cause, whether accidental or incendiary, in order to assist local fire departments to accurately report causes of fire in the National Fire Incident Reporting System and the Insurance industry. The department currently has 4 certified Fire Investigators. One police Officer is currently obtaining his certification which will be a Certified Arson Investigator because he has police powers. This will also aid the team due to his experience in interrogations and report writing.

**Water Rescue Team** – new this year the team is trained to provide assistance in water rescues including still water rescue/retrieval, swift water rescue/retrieval and ice rescue/retrieval. In 2018 the department purchased equipment that will assist in all types of water rescue. With the purchase of two Mustang suits we are now able to enter Ice water situations and make rescues that would have been impossible without. These suits will also allow in water rescues that are not considered swift water. Those types of suits are in the budget for next year so that river rescues can be made safely. Annually we train our personnel in all of this new equipment. We are currently putting additional personnel thru training classes in ice and swift water rescues.

**Drone Pilot Team** – Personnel trained to fly the Divisions two camera equipped drones giving incident commanders a birds eye view of their incident and ability to see areas unable to be seen from the ground. These drones are equipped with both HD cameras and Infra-red cameras making them useful for urban search and rescue operations as well as fire incidents. The department has two (2) personnel trained to fly these drones.

**Honor Guard Team** – provides the highest level of professionalism, respect and honor at ceremonies, funerals, retirements and parades. Provides the utmost respect of our nations flag during all the events mentioned above. The Honor Guard has participated at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) this year and was awarded 3rd place over all. Our Honor Guard has previously won 1st place and have been asked to judge the competition 1st year. Our personnel have participated in 8 funeral services, 4, retirement ceremonies and 8 other services where they provided posting of the colors.

The Division of Special Operations also sees that all our personnel are trained in the use and proper operations of all the Division and MABAS support assets. These assets consist of the Hazardous Material vehicle, Technical Rescue Vehicle, Fire Investigation Vehicle, Decontamination Vehicle, Water Rescue Boats and Suits MABAS breathing Air Vehicle, MABAS Light Towers and MABAS ATV's.

**Department Special Operations Team members are;**

- Fire Chief Peter Chiodo
- B/C Leiser FFPM Leao
- Lt. Swiontek FFPM Bertoncini
- Lt. Leiser FFPM Bubis
- FFPM Santiago FFPM Warden
- FFPM Loch FFPM Jackson
- FFPM Velasco



# Division of Fire Prevention

The Division of Fire Prevention, under the direction of Battalion Chief Anthony Hatcher, is a continuance of the commitment of the Schiller Park Fire Department to protect and serve our community. In accordance with the nationally recognized codes and standards adopted by ordinance by the Village of Schiller Park, we are dedicated in establishing and maintaining partnerships with our residential and business communities to prevent and mitigate the loss of life, property, and the environment

In conjunction with the annual fire prevention inspections, plan review, and code enforcement, our goal is to advocate life safety practices for all residents, businesses and employees, and patrons throughout the Village. In addition, through the inspectional program, we are able to collect pertinent information, which supports more efficient emergency operations. All our fire prevention inspections are conducted by on shift personnel. Each shift has a Lead Inspector responsible for the scheduling and recording of all their assigned shift inspections.

With continued training in Code Enforcement and Public Education, our personnel are effectively observing code deficiencies and educating our business owners in the importance of code compliance. This is obviously noticeable by the amount of decreased re-inspections being conducted over the last few years. This effort by our personnel makes Schiller Park a safer place to live, work and visit.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration 2,278 civilian home fire fatalities were reported by the U.S news media in 2018, with 104 reported in Illinois alone. Therefore, in accordance with amended Illinois Smoke Detector Act, which requires smoke detectors with a 10-year sealed battery be installed in all dwellings built before 1988 or which do not already have hardwired smoke detectors, we are committed to educate and accomplish this goal for all residents and businesses within the Village by 2022. In addition, carbon monoxide kills about 200 people in the United States every year. Similarly, in accordance with Illinois Public Act 094-0741, which requires that carbon monoxide detectors be installed within 15 feet of rooms used for sleeping, we are committed along with the Division of Community Engagement to educate residents and businesses of the dangers of carbon monoxide and importance of installing the required number of detectors throughout their homes and businesses.

## Inpections / Re-inspections

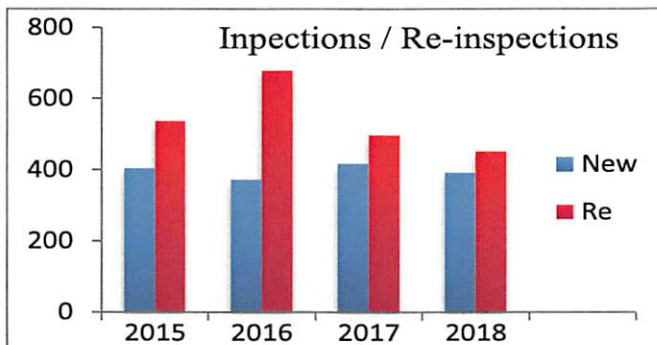
The Division of Fire Prevention of is also responsible for plan reviews, inspections and acceptance tests that pertain to Fire Protection elements of New and upgraded building/occupancies. Below is a breakdown of the plan review and Acceptance Test activities for 2018.

### Plan Reviews

Fire Alarm Systems: 11  
Sprinkler Systems: 7  
Building: 7  
Commercial Cooking Hood Suppression Systems: 2

### Acceptance Tests

Fire Alarm Systems: 8  
Sprinkler Systems: 8  
Commercial Cooking Hood Suppression Systems: 1



# *Logistics Division*

The Logistics Division is operated under the direction of Lieutenant Jerry Budnik. Fire Department Logistics consists of Vehicle and Equipment maintenance, inventory and purchases of supplies. The division is also responsible for the general maintenance of both fire stations and all supply's control. Safety, reliability and readiness of equipment are the main priority of the division. Lt. Budnik is also responsible for running a cost-effective and efficient maintenance program and station supply inventory. The maintenance section of the division is responsible for the preventative maintenance of all eight (8) emergency response vehicles and the miscellaneous specialized equipment as well as any MABAS assets assigned to Schiller Park. The division is also responsible for the maintenance of equipment such as our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's), tools, Ladder's, radio's and hose. Lt. Budnik is responsible for the Logistic line item budgets and to see that the procurement of equipment, tools, and supply's are researched and ordered at the best reasonable price to stay within his budget, making sure no short cuts are taken when the safety of our personnel are involved. Since emergency equipment is unique and extremely complex, this at times can become very challenging. The division works diligently with the Director of Buildings to ensure any major projects on or in the stations are researched and completed using both firefighter staff and outside contractors. Some of the other ancillary responsibilities of the division is to over see and record hose testing, ladder testing, fire hydrant testing and flows, and pump testing of fire engines which is conducted by on shift personnel, saving thousands of dollars.



# Emergency Management

The Division of Emergency Management is under the direction of Battalion Chief Charles Leiser. 2018 has been another busy year for the Division. In 2017 the State of Illinois mandated that any community that serves less than a population of less than 25,000, shall consolidate their 911 communications centers to meet the 25,000 threshold. This mandate took effect in July of that year. On September 19, 2017, Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) opened and began dispatching. The Division worked diligently throughout 2018 with MCD to get all our business and residence data imported into the CAD system and worked with the Executive Director on policy's for proper dispatching of emergency calls. This continues to be an ongoing process as new data is obtained throughout the years and the departments operations change. The Division also worked with the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CCDHSEM) to secure an emergency generator for a period of time while generator upgrades were made to MCD saving thousands of dollars on a rental.

An Audit was conducted of the Villages Emergency Notification system and removed hundreds of no longer used numbers as well as adding many new numbers of residences and business that were not in the system. This system is used to notify residents and businesses of emergencies in just a few simple steps. This is the same system that is used to put out notifications of water main breaks and sever power outages.

B/C Leiser continues to work with the Cook County Sheriffs Department to secure 6 to 12 additional new digital radios for each the Fire and Police Departments at no cost to the village. The county is back up on this process due to the consolidation of many departments onto their system.

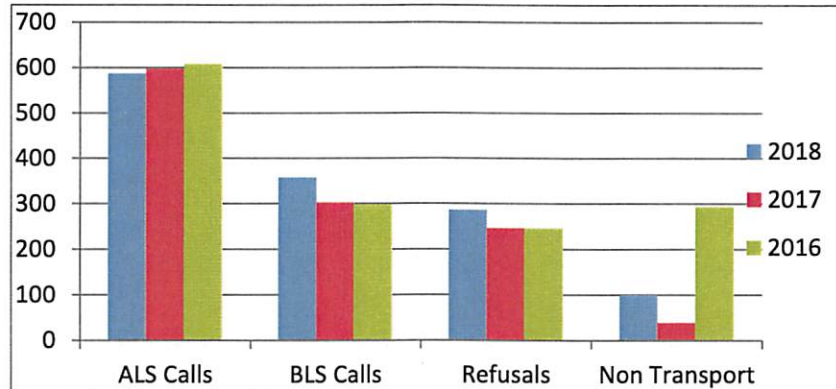
The Division of Emergency Management has worked to keep up to date on public information regarding severe weather and emergency preparedness messages on the village webpage.

Five (5) new Panasonic Toughbook computers have been purchased throughout the year and installed in our entire front running fleet of vehicles. With these new Mobil Data Terminals (MDT) the department no longer has to deal with dropped signals due to old technology in the previous.



# Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The Emergency Medical Services Division is under the direction of Lt. Gregory Swiontek and in 2018 the Schiller Park Fire Department responded to 1585 Emergency Medical Service and Rescue incidents. During those incidents, 1331 patients were attended to with 945 of them being transported to the hospital.



All of our Firefighters and five (5) of our six (6) Officers are licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health as EMT-Paramedics (EMT-P's), providing emergency medical care to the citizens and visitors of the Village of Schiller Park. Any time a resident visitor or member of the work force here in Schiller Park requests an Ambulance they will get a minimum of 5 highly qualified Paramedics to provide care for what ever their emergency is. The Department is part of the Loyola EMS System. The System ensures that our Paramedics are properly trained through in-house continuing education conducted by system nurses and educators. The system also oversees that victims of injury and or illness are assessed, treated and transported to local Emergency Room Departments in a timely manner through constant review and updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). A requirement of the Loyola EMS System is for all EMT-P's to be trained in Pre Hospital Traumatic Life Support (PHTLS) which all EMT-P's completed in 2018. All EMT-P's also completed Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) in 2017.

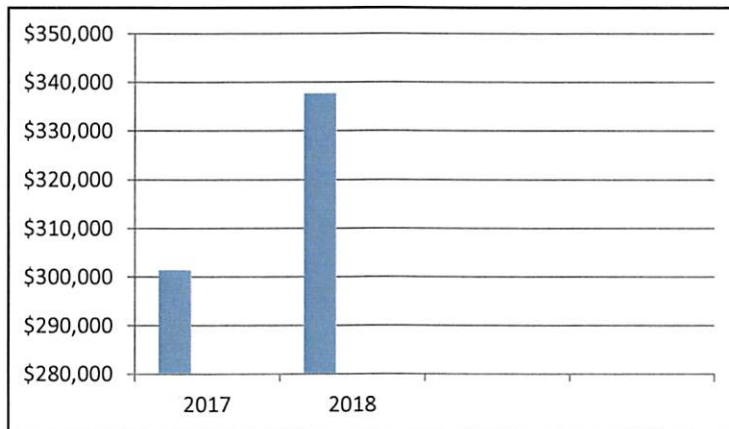


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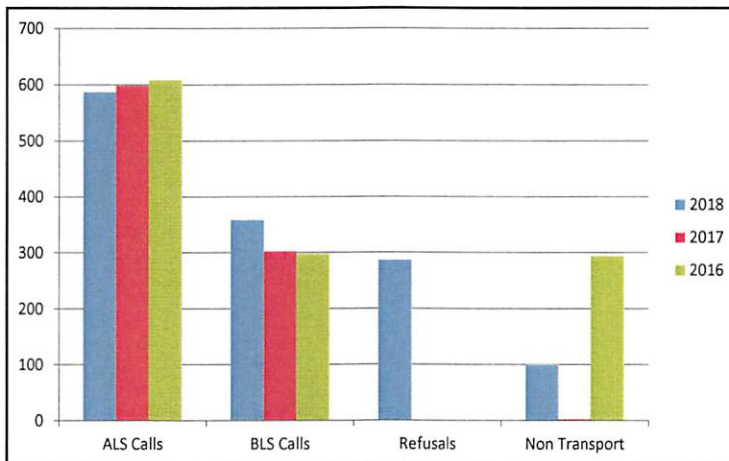
The Focus of Emergency Medical Services is to provide and promote the continued development of an optimal system of emergency medical and trauma care, which provides the best possible patient outcome and to continually improve public health in our community. This past year, four (4) Schiller Park Paramedics attended the Loyola preceptor program. Preceptors are the paramedics who work with the paramedic students while they are doing their ride time at the firehouse. This is an integral part in keeping the EMS System going, providing paramedic students with the training they need. We had one paramedic student do her ride time at Schiller Park, and did extremely well. She now works for the village as a Part Time Paramedic. We have also had EMT-B students from Triton College do ride time here at Schiller Park as they work towards becoming licensed EMT-B's.

The Bureau of EMS Coordinator, Lt. Gregory Swiontek, continues to work within its operating budget to provide equipment for the Paramedics to use to provide the best possible care to our residents and visitors. 2018 saw the design and purchase of a new ambulance, which should arrive in early spring of 2019.

In an effort to offset the cost of the EMS Division, the village has contracted with Paramedic Billing Service to collect Billing Fees for Emergency Medical Services.



**Accomplishments of the EMS Division**



**EMS Response**



# Training Division

The Training Division under the direction of Battalion Chief Mike Cesaretti and Lieutenant Jeffrey Leiser, ensures the Schiller Park Fire Departments training mission is understood and pursued by all members of the department, ensuring all personnel can safely and efficiently perform the critical tasks required of their position and rank. The annual training program is designed to meet the Nation Fire Protection Associations (NFPA) professional standards, satisfy the requirements of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Federal mandates. Based upon the essential job functions of each firefighter/paramedic, paramedic and officer, each member achieves specific training objectives, and obtains the department required levels of certification through the OSFM. In 2018 the Schiller Park Fire Department members have achieved all its planned training objectives and members significantly enhanced their firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical service capabilities.

All new members of the department are evaluated based on their current certification as OSFM Basic or Advanced Firefighter and decisions are made to further their training through an accredited Fire Academy. Probationary Firefighters are then continually evaluated on their performance with the rules and regulations, General Orders, Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and Standard Operating Guidelines. At the end of their probation a decision is made by the Training Division and Operations Division to retain that firefighter as a full-time sworn member.

Learning is supported each month through scheduled daily training, which provides specific training objectives providing consistency and performance across all three shifts. The training program addresses basic and advanced firefighter skills, emergency medical services, emergency vehicle operations, fire prevention, special operations team training and officer development.

The division encourages all personnel to expand their capabilities in specialized teams and to prepare themselves for promotion in attending Fire Officer classes.



# Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Bureau offers a variety of programs, including public education and public relations, which go above and beyond to meet the needs of the Village and the Fire Department. Our goal is to provide a safer community, minimize the opportunity for firefighter injuries and create a better understanding of the role of the Fire Department in the community. The bureau strives to educate the public on injury and accident prevention as well as equip them on how to respond safely in the event of an emergency situation. This is achieved with the hard work of the dedicated members of the fire department and is headed by Firefighter/Paramedic Blaine Schneider, Director of Community Engagement.

Blaine Schneider is responsible for directing the bureau and implementing new public relations programs, as well as maintaining current successful programs. As Public Education Coordinator, Firefighter/Paramedic Jessica Warden is responsible for maintaining public education and servicing current public education clients. The Schiller Park fire department works with community groups, businesses and schools within the village, in addition to other village departments.

The Schiller Park Fire Department conducts several public education and community relations events, such as; "Hands Only" CPR for the 7th grade at Lincoln Middle School and St. Maria Goretti as well as a few businesses in town.

We offer fire extinguisher training at the Open House and to businesses in town. Training is performed with a digital fire simulator and water extinguishers at Lincoln School, Local Businesses and our Open House, Educating over 300 adults in the proper use of fire extinguishers.

Station tours are offered any time by reservation and several civic groups and pre-schools visited the firehouse. The on-duty shifts are available to attend block parties to further public relations as well as educate the public on the latest fire fighting and life saving equipment. We always receive a good reception at the block parties and picnics we attend.

Part of our service to the schools is to attend the various graduations and musical performances.

In October the fire department hosts the annual open house. This is a great opportunity for the public to meet the firefighters and tour the firehouse and see our equipment first hand. In addition to the many activities for the children the public can visit the many vendors that are invited to set up booths and communicate any safety message they would like to provide.

We are looking forward to the next year of community relations and are excited about the opportunity to educate the public. We are always innovating new safety programs to reach the public as we believe, a safe public means a safer fire department.





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## *Our Mission and Values*

### Mission Statement

*We, the members of the Schiller Park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services*

**DUTY** – *It is our duty to prepare for tasks through training, leadership, and “Esprit De Corps”. It is our moral obligation to be doers in the fire service, to prepare for, come at, and meet the enemy. Be Battle Ready at all times. The Incident is the battleground and it is the DUTY of the Firefighter to perform to the best of his ability.*

**PRIDE** – *The state of feeling of being proud, a reflection of credit upon oneself. Pride is a feeling good after a job well done! A feeling of goose bumps as you recount your actions; by going where no one else can go. By making that rescue and saving a life by being a part of that unit that successfully achieves its goal. Pride is wiping a tear from your eye and swallowing a lump in your throat, as you are hugged and kissed by a loved one, thankful you are home safe and sound and the glow of your kids as they brag about you being a firefighter. Finally, Pride is wearing your uniform, proud of your patch, proud of your co-workers and fire department. Being a member of “THE NOBLEST BREED”*

**TRADITION** – *is the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, and information from generations to generation. A long established or inherited way of thinking or acting. “Courage in the face of danger is a tradition of the fire service”. Firefighters of the past stand by us today, passing on their legacy and dedication to us and our fire department.*

*DUTY – PRIDE – TRADITION “gives the individual the desire to serve – the ability to perform and the courage to act.*



# Schiller Park Fire Department

## *Wishes to thank*

### **Village of Schiller Park**

Mayor Nick Caiafa

Clerk: Rosa Jos

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Trustee: Moses Diaz

Trustee: Joan Golembiewski

Trustee: Catherine Gorzynski

Trustee: Russell Klug

Trustee: Robert Lima

### **Police and Fire Commission**

Chairman: Glenn Rawski

Commissioner: Robert Bauer

Commissioner: Lawrence Fritz

### **Administrators**

Administrative Assistant: Marjorie Manchen

Village Manager: Brad Townsend

### ***Special Thanks***

*Sunrise Printing for Printing and Formatting Assistance*

*Special thank you to all the Village Department Heads and employees that have supported and assisted this organization. The Fire Department believes that we are all a part of the same team striving to achieve the same goal, making The Village of Schiller Park a safe and enjoyable place to live and work.*