

Booster Line

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Our 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.

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 May 15th with a well being check for Gold shift. After arriving and consulting with police on scene, we forced entry and checked on the resident. The scene was then turned over to the Schiller Park Police.

May 18th saw Black shift take in a call for a gas leak outside. As firefighters arrived they found a contractor installing a fence. The auger ruptured a gas feed three feet deep. The crew backfilled the hole to control the leak. A hose line was dropped as a precaution and NICOR notified. Off duty personnel were recalled to cover the firehouse at this extended operation.

Red shift on May 19th had fire investigator FF/PM Bubis respond to Elmwood Park for a Box Alarm fire. Tim was detoured to Franklin Park to pick up FU-1 for investigators tools.

A report of smoke coming from the garage on May 20th had Red shift take it in. On scene it was found that the smoke was coming from the rear yard where the homeowner was burning brush in his fire pit.

A fire alarm at a gas station on May 21st is unusual. Gold shift arrived and found that the alarm was coming from

the bathroom where a patron was using an aerosol can to spray her hair and activated the fire alarm.

Next up Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were requested by Park Ridge for the structure fire in their town.

A carbon monoxide detector going off on May 21st had firefighters meet tenants outside the structure. Using monitors firefighters found readings of 5 ppm at the outside door climbing to 40 ppm near one of the kitchens at the stove. The oven was shut down and it was recommended that a service person be called.

B/C Cesaretti and his Red shift crew were called on May 23rd to a car fire on a tow truck. On scene they found that the tow truck had hooked the car and that the car was now fully involved. 300 gallons of water controlled the fire. The car was running when he hooked it then noticed smoke from the car.

A fire alarm on the sixth floor of a hotel on May 24th had Gold shift members ascend the stairs to find out that steam from the shower trigger the alarm.

Next up a call for the smell of natural gas outside had Black shift arrive and find it coming from the ground. NICOR was called to determine the underground leak location.

A motor vehicle accident on the toll way had four cars involved and seven patients on May 27th. Members and Medical Control triaged the patients and transported.

May 27th had Black shift respond to another smell of gas outdoors. Monitors showed that it was coming from the ground on the south east corner. NICOR was again notified with an ETA of 30 minutes.

Dispatched to a three vehicle head on collision on May 28th had Black shift respond. Actin B/C Budnik requested additional resources and ambulances were sent from Norwood Park and Franklin Park for the six victims.

Gold shift on the 29th took in the call for a truck fire. At the location on the

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toll way it was determined that there was not fire but rather overheated brakes on the semi. A 1 ¼ inch line was pulled and 100 gallons of water used to cool the brakes.

A carbon monoxide call on the 31st had members arrive and meet the owner who stated he opened all the windows and turned fans ON. This made it more difficult for the firefighters to trace the origin of the CO. After spending time monitoring it was found that an upper level bedroom had the highest levels at 25 ppm. The owner was told to call a service technician to check the systems.

The next call was an assist to the Schiller Park Police. The fire department was called because a resident was not permitting police to allow them access. The fire and police convened as to the appropriate actions to be taken.

June 1st started with a fire alarm at a hotel on the fifth floor. Evacuation of hotel guests was in progress. Climbing the stairs members found an activated smoke detector with a strong aerosol fragrance in the area. Perfume set off the alarm.

A call from a resident that the CO detector was going off in the basement had members find concentrations of 47 ppm. Ambulance 5 responded as well and evaluated the residents. The cause appeared to be the hot water heater flue. The gas was shut off and the owner advised to call a plumber.

Red shift on the 2nd took in a call for a dumpster fire. On scene police had already tried to use their portable extinguisher to put out the fire. It was still burning a the "trash line" was pulled and along with foam the fire was put out.

A report of smoke on the fourth floor and an occupant who flagged down a police officer to tell him that he smelled smoke on both the 2nd and 4th floor was Black shifts next call. AB/C Budnik had the engine company investigate the second floor while the truck company checked the

fourth floor. No cause was found. During this call a dumpster fire in Schiller Park had A B/C Budnik divert Rosemont engine and Franklin Park Truck 2 to take in that call.

A dumpster fire was encountered and put out by Rosemont's engine with the help of Truck 2.

June 3rd had Gold shift take an indoor gas leak call. The resident stated that the gas connection for the stove was leaking. The gas shut off behind the stove did not work and the gas was turned off at the meter outside. Truck 5 monitored the area for elevated levels and ventilated until the levels came down. Resident told to call NICOR to turn gas back ON after repairs made.

Red shift on June 4th had two simultaneous car wrecks occur. Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 took in one wreck and Truck 5 and Batt. 5 took in the other. The first accident had one transport and the second incident had Batt. 5 call for additional ambulances from both Franklin Park and Rosemont.

Wires down on June 4th had engine 5 respond. Arriving it was found that they were the lower wires usually indicative that they were cable or telephone wires. Comcast was notified.

Cut wires and a potential fire hazard on the 5th had Black shift take in the call. A language barrier existed and firefighters were able to determine on scene that it was water inside a light fixture not cut wires.

A fire alarm in a condo unit on June 6th (D-Day), had a full fire response. On scene Red shift found that workers tearing out carpet had dust set off the smoke detector.

Later in the shift a dumpster fire had Schiller Park Police and Fire working together to determine cause. The fire is under investigation because of circumstances.

A call to the toll way on June 8th has reports of a motorcycle trapped and pinned under a semi and the trailer on fire. A B/C Budnik requested an

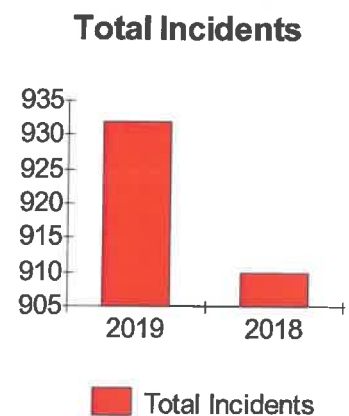
engine from Rosemont as numerous 9-1-1 calls were received reporting the fire. On scene the driver already detached his rig from the trailer and it was observed the trailer on fire with motorcycle under rear wheels. Heavy fire was emulating from the trailer and an attack hose line was dropped. 500 gallons of water supplemented by another 500 gallons of water from Rosemont controlled the fire. The motorcyclist was extricated and taken to a Level I trauma center. The toll way was completely shut down for a short period.

June 10th had a call for a report of smell of smoke at a school. On scene the fire investigative crew found that an exterior light was filled with a bird's nest and smoking. The school maintenance person was informed and the bird's nest and bulb were removed along with the damaged cover.

Black shift took in a motor vehicle accident on June 11th where they found a bicyclist struck by an auto. The person was assessed for injuries and turned over to our police department.

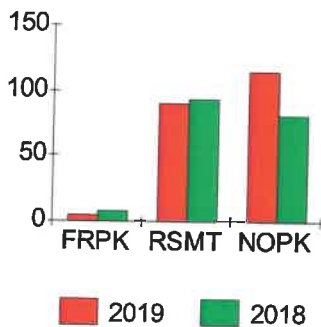
Our last call for the reporting period comes on June 14th when Black shift takes in a call for smoke in the area. Investigating members found a resident in their yard burning branches.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2018:



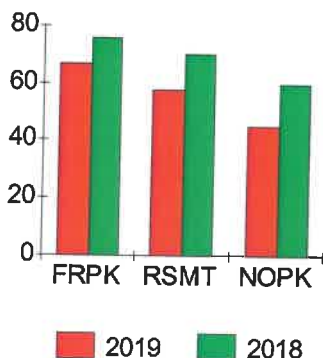
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "To":

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "From":

Auto Aid Received



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	731	687

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	3	4
Norwood Park (NOPK)	93	56
Rosemont (RSMT)	72	73

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	56	57
Norwood Park (NOPK)	35	45
Rosemont (RSMT)	47	52

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

This past month the Village and Lions Club honored our choice for 2018 Firefighter of the Year. Our congratulations to FF/PM Santiago on being chosen. Nick has made his mark as an instructor and as our Technical Rescue Coordinator and specialist. (see photos).

We also had this past month the swearing in of our newest firefighter/paramedic Kevin Cynwar. For those of you who pay attention, Kevin was a part time medic who resigned to take a firefighter position in another community. When Schiller Park called he jumped at the opportunity. We are happy to have him. He will complete the fire academy on October at NIPSTA.

Our condolences to the Schneider family where Blaine's grandmother passed away this past month. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

The division also had two firefighters pass away after retirement this past month. Both unfortunately were from Maywood. Chief Marvin Cox and FF Peter Genualdi both passed on. May they rest in peace.

We also found out this month that Rosemont has chosen to go with NORCOMM as their dispatch center after losing in the courts the ability to remain an independent dispatch center. At this time we are not sure if they will remain on their current frequency or move over to our fire band.

Our congratulations go out to Acting Chief Dave Blondell who was named by the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board as the Acting Chief. Former Chief Vavra resigned to take a job in LaGrange.

After reviewing operations with the Operation Committee it has been decided to re-name 453 from Squad 5 to Engine 6. This realignment will also coincide with rotating engines on a monthly basis. Whether 455 or 453 is up front, it will carry the ID engine 5

as the front runner and the second out engine will be engine 6.

As new Box Cards are distributed throughout MABAS, it is important to note that with our improved ISO rating and ability to deliver prompt and professional services, North Maine and Elk Grove Township has moved us up from 4th alarms to 2nd and 3rd alarms on their Box Cards.

I have also issued the formal SOG 109.01 concerning the Public Information Officer and Press Releases. This was done in conjunction with the Police Department.

I have scheduled the 2019-2020 mental Health check-ups and Physicals. PLEASE make sure that you complete the Mental health wellness paperwork and give to Teri ASAP. The medical paperwork will be provided shortly before appointments. Remember these are duty assignments.

The House Fund is low. This is the common fund that all firefighters pay into out of their own pockets for common items like ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, butter etc. Please have your money for full time members (\$60) and part time personnel (\$30) ready as soon as possible for FF/PM Velasco.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony Califati has worked diligently on preventive maintenance and keeping our vehicles in service.

This past month Tony replaced the front tire on Batt. 5.

We also had the public works department work on patching broken concrete both inside the rear entry door, at the overhead rear door and leading into the rear back bay. We appreciate their help.

Members also created a new soft suction 4 inch intake hose for Engine 5 (455).

As a reminder, clear plastic bags should be used for recycled materials brought out to the big bin.

Engine 6, 453, was sent out for major preventive maintenance. Tony will work on as much as he can to reduce overall costs.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

The K-12 saw was repaired at Russo's.

The Association shirts were re-mounted.

We have placed a Toughbook charger in the rear of Battalion 5.

We will also be placing Bensenville's AC/DC frequency on our portables as Bensenville has asked us to come on the working fire.

We also had to replace a dishwasher as it was cheaper than the repair on the old one.

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...

Tony repaired the front emergency light on 461.

He also installed the Knox Box Secure system for our keys. Both these repairs saved hundreds of dollars.

A reminder that Resurrection wants on STEM patients a 12 LEAD which we CAN do. This helps in pre-treatment and in getting the STEM team there going as early as possible in potential stroke cases.

We also received a resignation from PM Hernandez effective immediately.

Lt. Swiontek and HR Director Donna

Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

Loyola has updated their website with new versions of forms including drug exchange, ambulance inspection, non-transport vehicle inspection and controlled substance inventory.

Loyola has also made available on its website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

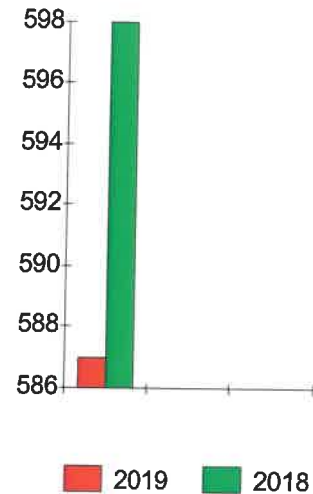
The status of Westlake Hospital is in the courts. If you have a request to go to Westlake or if it is the nearest appropriate hospital contact Loyola Medical Control for further instructions.

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 134 emergency calls. A total of 124 patients were encountered. 82 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	134	587
ALS Transports	51	221
BLS Transports	31	117
Refusals/MPR's	28	122
Other Non-Transports	7	30
Fire Responses	17	97
CPR Students taught	84	107
Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	4	32
SHPK to others	8	26

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? –

- Convex mirror for side driveway
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- Receive Division 20 asset
- new rear exterior service door
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor
- plaque for department ceremonial bell

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

May Trivia

What is a Jerkin Head roof?

A jerkin roof is a gable roof on which the peaks of the gable ends are clipped off with what resembles a hip roof. (see photo)

Correct answers were submitted by Chief Belmonte (ret. WECH), POC Quinn (ret.) and Jimmy "Z" Ziebka.



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June Trivia

What were San Francisco Tank wagons?

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.

Lt. Leiser completed the Management IV training as part of the Fire Marshal Advanced Officer certification program.

FF/PM Niemand and FF/PM Leao both attended the RIT Under Fire classes at the Illinois Fire Institute

FF/PM Rusciolello and FF/PM Linehan attended Vehicle Machinery Operations class in Broadview. This is the vehicle extrication class that was paid for by the Division and no cost to Schiller Park.

FF/PM Santiago, FF/PM Loch, FF/PM Dehmlo and FF/PM Jackson all attended the Swift Water Technician class. All these members are part of our technical rescue team.

Lt. Leiser received his Fire Officer II certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Miletta received his Fire Officer I certification through the fire marshal office.

We have reserved a spot in the October NIPSTA fire academy for Kevin Cywnar.

We received from the State Fire Marshal reimbursement for training last year totaling \$2,139.

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 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 575 hours of training for the month with 32 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	32	575	138	1960

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 Linehan.

Dan took on the responsibility during probation to work on his Probationary Leadership Project doing Occupancy Loads and calculations for places of assembly and also worked with the Association in the 2019 Membership campaign.

With the Association he was in charge of the assisting with the mailing and accounting of the money that was raised as it came in the past few months.

For stepping up during probation on these two projects we name him our Employee of the Month.

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 started the 2nd Quarter of calendar year 2019 with their 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 will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes.

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.

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

During the Summer months we are evaluating our plans, budget and offerings for the coming year. We are already looking at Fire Prevention Month and in particular Fire Prevention Week capped off with an Open House.

We are also looking at the preliminary preparations for the Patriot Day remembrance on 9/11 along with the other memorials that will be held that day.

We attended the Flag Retirement ceremony on June 14 at Clock Tower Park. (see photo)

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

POC Bob Kilman (Capt. Ret.) recently had a run in with a car jacker and was assaulted. Captain Bob is out of the hospital and recovering at his daughters. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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 thank you note was received from the Setzer family (Tina Setzer Library Director) for attending the wake of her mother who passed away recently. The prayers and thoughts meant a lot to the family.

I also want to express my thanks to all the members who supported FF/PM Santiago and attended his recognition at the Village/Lions Club Appreciation dinner. It was great to see the brother/sisterhood in action and not just words.

A note was received from PM Hernandez that he has accepted a position at another fire department and will no longer be able to work here. His resignation is effective immediately.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance held a meeting on April 30th. FF/PM Loch

can provide an approved set of minutes for review.

Emergency Mgmt.

The Operations Committee will aid in deciding which Officer will assume these duties.

Association News

The 2019 SPFA Associate Membership Campaign has concluded and \$6,045 was raised from mailings. The dollar amount raised this year is the second highest since the inception of this campaign back in 2011. The Campaign has raised since 2012 a total of \$40,076.

FF/PM Miletta has taken the order of shirts to be sold for this years charity. Chief Chiodo will allow shirts to be

purchased from members clothing allowance. They may be worn from May 1st as the Summer Class C uniform until September 14th The charity, The 100 Club of Chicago, provides assistance to members of area fire and police departments who are killed in the line of duty. A Top Golf charity event will be held June 21st. A donation of \$60 will include three hours of golf and food. More to follow next month.

And Finally...

Our daily decisions and habits have a huge impact upon both our levels of happiness and success.

Deadlines

he 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 7- I-294 Fully involved Semi trailer fire with motorcycle pinned under the rear tandem wheels.

Page 8 –FF of the Year Appreciation Dinner and presentation to FF/PM Nick Santiago. Presented by the Village of Schiller park and Lions Club. Photos courtesy Warren Schuhrke

Page 9 – Fire and Police Officers attend the Wall of Honor Ceremony.

Page 10 - Members train using the ladder pipe on Truck 454

Members of the Boy Scouts participate with Knights of Columbus and the Flag Retirement ceremony.

Page 11- Our run statistics for the month of June.

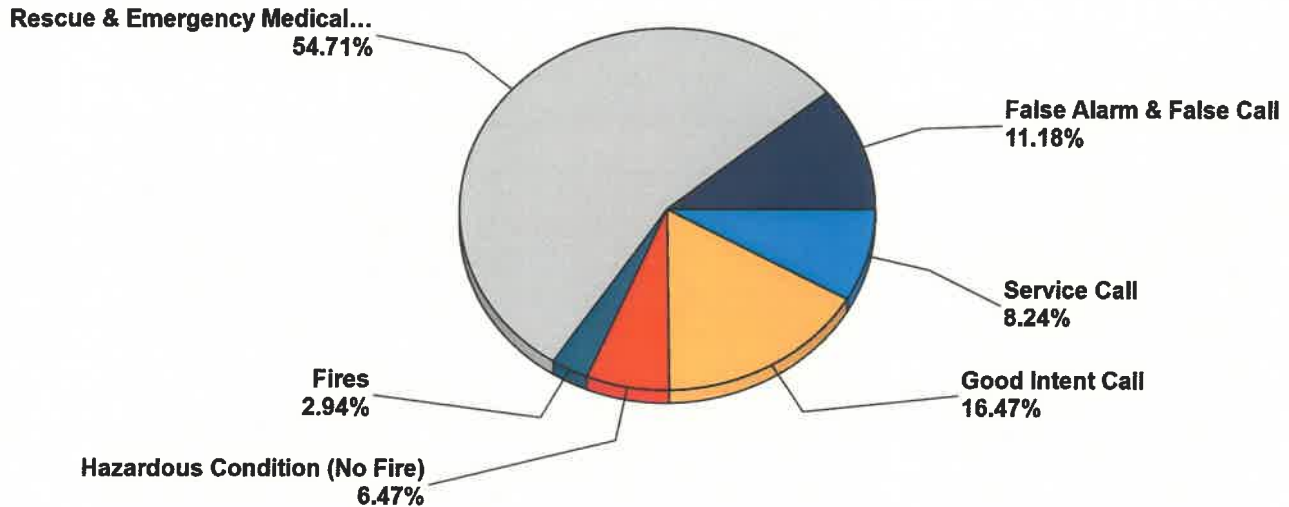
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MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	5	2.94%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	93	54.71%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	11	6.47%
Service Call	14	8.24%
Good Intent Call	28	16.47%
False Alarm & False Call	19	11.18%
TOTAL	170	100.00%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	3	1.76%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.59%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.59%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	75	44.12%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	16	9.41%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.59%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0.59%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5	2.94%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.59%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.59%
444 - Power line down	4	2.35%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	1.18%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.18%
554 - Assist invalid	3	1.76%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	7	4.12%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	22	12.94%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3	1.76%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	1.76%
730 - System malfunction, other	7	4.12%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.18%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.59%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.59%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	5	2.94%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	1.76%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	170	100.00%

