

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 August 16th when Black shift was dispatched to a car fire on the exit ramp of the toll way. Engine 6 backed up Engine 5 should a second water supply be necessary. The car was fully involved and only 500 gallons of water were needed.

Next up a crash of two vehicles near the woods had Lt. Swiontek request a second ambulance. Rosemont provided and transported to Lutheran General.

After returning to quarters, Engine 5 was dispatched to the toll way Oasis for an ambulance call. With no Schiller park ambulance available, they were on other calls, Franklin Park provided EMS support.

In the afternoon Black shift then responded to an automatic fire alarm. Arriving on scene the members were met by a resident who stated she burnt food. The truck company ventilated the building after confirming the incident.

Gold shift on the 18th had both Truck 5 and battalion 5 change quarters to Bensenville on a working fire. Members covered that jurisdiction while Bensenville was on scene.

August 22nd had a fire response to the railyard for a container on fire.

Pulling into the yard the shift found a freezer unit on fire. The firefighters shut down the generator and fought the fire using 400 gallons of water. The inside of the unit was checked for extension and members found the unit filled with ice cream.

The next call was for an elevator rescue. Engine 5 found the stuck elevator on the seventh floor with a person inside. Lock out and tag out procedures were employed and after rescue of the occupant the manager was informed to have a service call.

Black shift on the 23rd fought a dumpster fire behind a multi-unit building. A 1 3/4" line was pulled and 400 gallons of water from the booster tank used.

A motorcycle accident on the 24th up on the toll way had Schiller Park respond. On scene Gold shift found two riders who had to ditch the bike. Both were treated on scene.

After picking up from this call members were dispatched to a smell of gas in a residential neighborhood. A low level reading was found in the area and FF/PM Bubis requested dispatch to notify NICOR.

August 25th found Gold shift take in a call from the toll way for a car on its side in the middle lane. On location a second car was found with severe damage on the shoulder. Franklin Park Truck 2 and Rosemont Ambulance also responded as part of the pin in response.

Municipal Consolidated Dispatch then sent companies to a fire alarm in a hotel. When checking the location in the basement area, water leaking into a heat detector triggered the alarm.

Black shift was sent to the toll way by the toll way authority for a motor vehicle accident on August 26th. Looking for the location and unable to find, State Police radioed that the call was actually in Highland Park. All companies returned in service.

A rollover accident on August 28th had Gold shift respond to I-294 and I-290. Arriving members found a semi-truck on its side. Berkeley Fire also

responded and a joint effort was in progress. Our ambulance was able to treat the patients and the pin in response was cancelled.

A gas leak on the 29th was called in by an apartment dweller. Members using our monitors found a strong smell similar to natural gas. Lt. Niemand requested NICOR to the scene.

A short time later a brush fire in a former pond and landfill was put out by Red shift using brush paddles and two "pump cans".

August 30th had a call for a person in the Des Plaines River. Two of our personnel who are trained in water rescue began donning their dry suits en-route to the call. On scene Lt. Leiser found a person in the water and notified our rescue personnel. FF/PM Santiago and FF/PM Loch entered the water and were able to rescue the individual. He was secured and brought out of the water in a stokes basket and up the incline. Medical personnel then took over and transported. Members who entered the river were gross de-conned on scene and all equipment decontaminated after returning to quarters. (see photos)

Red shift began September on the 3rd with a smoke detector going off in a hotel. Members searched the immediate area with no cause.

Next Red shift was called for the smoke in the building. A tenant in the apartment complex stated they smelled smoke in the back bedroom. Members searched and used the thermal camera with no evidence of smoke or fire. Looking further it may have been exhaust from a truck in an adjacent gas station.

September 8th had Gold shift take in a call for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. Gold shift was updated by dispatch that this was also a car wrapped around a tree. Two persons were trapped and a pin in response requested. A second vehicle was involved in this accident and was approximately 100 yards away. Additional ambulances and

personnel were requested to assist in our operation including ambulances from Franklin Park, Rosemont and Norwood Park. (see photos)

After shift change Black shift took in a call for a person hit by a vehicle. B/C Budnik and crew found that a person riding a Moped was hit by a car that swerved in front of him. Our ambulance treated the patient.

A carbon monoxide alarm on September 9th had Black shift respond and begin monitoring. No appliances were running at the time of the call and all areas appeared fine including the area where the initial alarm was sounding.

Red shift had a medical alert alarm go off and a call to the fire department on the 10th. The person was in the Community Center and after locating them realized that the alarm was set off in error.

September 11th had a fire response for smoke coming from a fan. Members entered the commercial building and their investigation found that a cooling fan in a refrigerated area had a burned out motor. The power was disconnected and the building representative told to contact a service company.

Black shift on the 12th took in a call for a wire down. Pulling up to the scene, FF/PM Schneider realized that it was not a power line but rather a telephone line. He asked dispatch to contact A T and T.

Next a person hit on a bike had Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 respond. The bicyclist was struck by a turning car at the T intersection. The car left the scene and members treated the bike rider. The police were looking for the motorist.

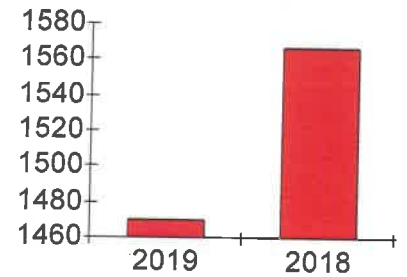
The following day another call for a person hit by a vehicle. The one vehicle accident had the windshield "starred" and a person laying on the pavement. Members treated and transported the patient.

The last call for this reporting period was on Friday the 13th when Red shift took in the reported structure fire. On

scene smoke was seen from the third floor of a multi-family building. Police stated that they thought the fire was in the garden apartment. Heavy smoke and heat were felt as members entered with the skid load. Truck 2 checked the area above and Norwood park took the RIT assignment. It was found that the tenant was cooking on an electric stove and thought he turned it "OFF" before leaving. When he came back home he found smoke in his apartment and had neighbor call 9-1-1. Our fire investigators confirmed that it was not a structure fire but rather the stove top as the tenant stated.

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

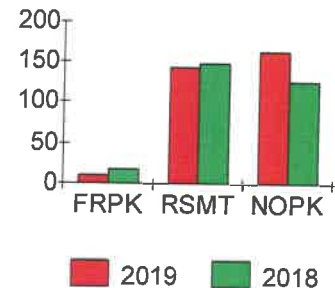
Total Incidents



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

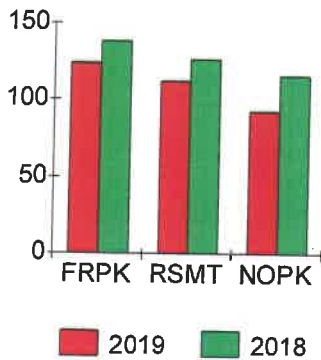
Auto Aid Given



2019 2018

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

Auto Aid Received



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	1,470	1,567

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	11	17
Norwood Park (NOPK)	162	126
Rosemont (RSMT)	143	148

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	124	138
Norwood Park (NOPK)	93	116
Rosemont (RSMT)	112	126

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

We would like to congratulate Public Works Superintendent Mario Jos who recently retired. Mario had over 19 years with the Village and will be sorely missed. Mario worked very well with the fire department and was always an asset. His knowledge of the water system, history and mechanical ability made him a greatly valued employee. We wish him well in the future.

Our congratulations to two new fire chiefs in Division 20. Dave Blondell was appointed the Fire Chief in Norwood Park this past month (see photos) and Ken Carling was appointed Fire Chief in Hillside. Both

Chiefs rose through the ranks in their respective departments.

Members participated in the O'Hare Disaster drill this past month. Schiller Park is due to the airport with a Truck Company on the Box alarm. The triannual drill lasted approximately 3 hours.

MCD and Schiller Park have agreed on getting move up or make up companies when a primary auto aid company is unavailable. This should alleviate the need for dispatch to tell Battalion 5 that someone is unavailable and who to replace them with.

B/C Budnik will take over the Fire Operations Liaison position with MCD. He will be the contact person with Executive Director Ron Gross.

We are working with our legal team to re-draft a Spiller Pay Ordinance. Our attorneys are looking at it being more encompassing to include haz mat, technical rescue and water rescue.

Leyden Fire Protection District has taken possession of a new quint. This will replace the 1970 engine that was similar to our 1976 Darley/Hendriksen.

We are in the process of reviewing our General Orders which will expire in January 2020. We are also looking at a review of Chapter 32 of the Millennium code dealing with the fire department and job descriptions.

Schiller Park has taken over two additional MABAS division 20 assets. We will now be housing the Gator and have the IMAT trailer. Both will be stored at our firehouse on 25th.

FF/PM Warden continues light/alternate duty due to her pregnancy. She is due in October.

The new engine committee was formed has met and is developing specs based on our needs.

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.

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 and a multitude of other projects for the fire department.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

We have color coded all the trailer hitches to match the color code and size for MABAS assets. We also have purchased a multiple size ball hitch and a reducer so that we can interchange hitches with Battalion 5 and 458.

All CBRN cannisters expired this past month. We have replaced and issued to all members new cartridges. Additional cannisters were placed on the vehicles to be used with the adapter on our SCBA masks in an emergency.

With the permission of Brian Great at the Great Escape, he has allowed us to place on the corner of his garage a convex mirror as a safety tool for vehicles in the rear parking lot and the west driveway.



EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Lt. Swiontek and HR Director Donna Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

With the start of a new semester, we soon will have EMT riders from Triton and possibly paramedic riders from Loyola.

We have also hired another part time paramedic PM Starr began this past week.

Minor EMS SOP updates have been highlighted and are in the kitchen.

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. We believe that they have closed their ER department and declared bankruptcy. 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.

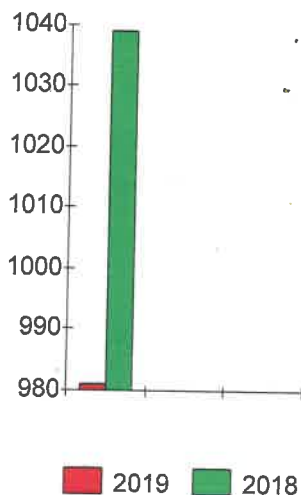
During the past month personnel responded to 143 emergency calls. A total of 133 patients were encountered. 78 patients were transported to area hospitals.

Current Month Year to Date

Total Responses 143 981

ALS Transports	46	371
BLS Transports	32	210
Refusals/MPR's	33	206
Other Non-Transports	5	40
Fire Responses	27	174
CPR Students taught	0	107
Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	7	45
SHPK to others	4	48

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.

We completed two more items on our list of projects to do.

We have received the division gator and IMAT and FF/PM Bertoncini installed a new rear door with panic hardware and a window.

What's in the works? –

-Paint red and letter front overhead doors.

-New interior lights at station 6

-Additional outlets at station 6

- paint apparatus floor border

-Paint sta.6 floor

- sprinkler simulator

-New high-rise load packing tool

-Receive Division 20 assets

-Heavy Rescue

-new water hose reel on apparatus floor



Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

August Trivia

What was done with the salvage unit vehicles when the truck companies took over salvage functions?

San Francisco Salvage units were repurposed in 1977 as Pollution Control Units (precursor to Haz Mat rigs).

No correct answers were submitted.

September Trivia

How much water can a fire engine's booster tank hold and still be classified as an engine?

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.

Members completed Low Angle rescue drills with Franklin Park firefighters for rope operations recertification.

FF/PM Velasco attended Trench Rescue technician and will test through the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Miletta completed Machinery Operations as part of Technical Rescue. He will challenge the state test.

FF/PM Dehmlow and FF/PM Loch both participated in the water rescue training in Bensenville.

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 170 hours of training for the month with 15 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	17	206	190	2598
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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 FF/PM Miletta and / Rusciollelli.

FF/PM Miletta worked diligently with this years chosen charity the 100 Club of Chicago. The charity provides for families of 1st Responders who are killed in the line of duty. With the sale of shirts, glasses and hats the Firefighters Association was able to make a \$20,000 donation.

FF/PM Rusciollelli took over organizing, buying and selling of the pop and water for the Village Annual Car Show. He also set up the volunteers and helped raise additional funds for the group.



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 4th 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 are 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

This past month members of our department participated in the Village 3 Day weekend which included a Friday Dancing in the Street, Saturday Pierogi and Fun and the 11th Annual Car show.

Members also participated in the Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrances at Clock Tower Park, Irving Park Cemetery and at Leyden Firehouse

(see photo).

Chief Chiodo attended the Senior BBQ at the Village Montana pool where celebrity chef Nick Caiafa was the grill master.

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 continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town. We also offer car seat installations. Both these programs are administered by FF/PM Bubis and appointments are necessary for planning and materials.

Please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

Retiree Row

B/C Leiser (ret.) continues to stop by to visit all shifts.

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:

The Porro's always remember the fire department around September 11th and send a complete dinner to the firefighters for the work we do and as a thank you for saving their daughter several years ago.

The Calefati family sent a thank you note to the firefighters and paramedics who honored their father at the wake and funeral. They were deeply moved at our presence and

remembrance.

A separate note was received from Tony Calefati expressing his appreciation and outpouring of support at his fathers wake and funeral and how touched his mother was at our coming out.

Athletico in River Grove sent us a note thanking us for all that we do and our service to the community.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance is looking at potential new purchase items that will be voted on.

Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand has taken over the role of Emergency Management.

He is already working on NIMS, Pharmaceuticals and Grants.

Association News

The 100 Club of Chicago was presented with a check for \$20,000 from the Association. The charity supports first responders killed in the line of duty and their families.

And Finally...

My strength lies solely in my tenacity.

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.

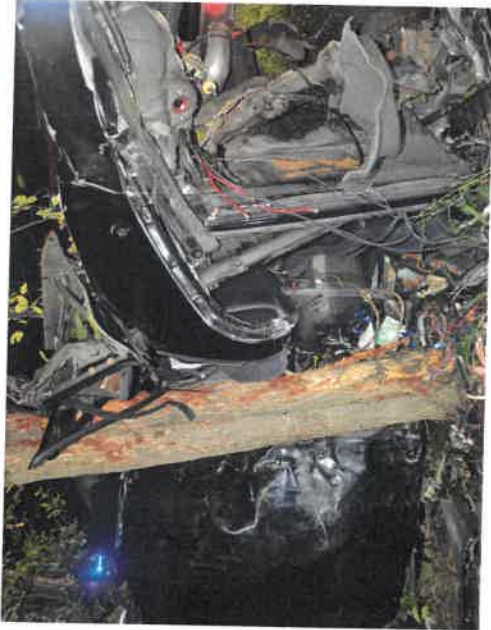
Page 7 Dave Blondell Sworn in as Fire Chief Norwood Park.

9/11 Remembrance at Irving Park Cemetery

Page 8 Schiller Park Fire Association presents \$20,000 check to 100 Club of Chicago

Page 9 Pin In accident on Irving in the Woods







MABAS DIVISION 20





