

# BOOSTER LINE

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## Editors Note

January begins the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the *Booster Line*. We will mark our Silver Anniversary with our banner being Silver. The idea came about after I attended a Public Information Officer class in Palatine and began as The Axemen before FF Ireton suggested the *Booster Line*.

Since its inception, 300 issues have been published, over 1,200 pages and over 1 million words typed (some incorrectly). It has been a labor of love that I hoped would chronicle some of our current events, doings, activities, calls and be a memorial to the men and women who served here. This is for better or worse our history as I see it.

Our newsletter has outlasted the Village Employee newsletter and allows us to reach out to the community, other departments and those who retired. I've made a lot of mistakes, none intentional, and I hope that this will continue long after I retire. I hope that I can be a recipient of the next generations perspective on our department.

One change that will occur is that instead of the Employee of the Month, I will be featuring our personnel with a brief summation or biography to get to know those who serve. I am open to any suggestions for improvement. I can tell you that it is amazing how quickly the next month comes up after putting an issue to bed. A few members have offered to write a column and usually after a month or so realize that the deadline comes very quickly and that column reverts back to me.

If I have mis-spoken on anyone's behalf, I apologize. I have tried to do my best and will continue to try. The reality is that if the men and women I work with were not as professional, dedicated and willing to invest in the community as they are, there would be nothing to write about.

I have seen many changes over the years. This department has become much more professional. We have added quite a few additional programs and resources to the department and the division. I sometimes feel like the historian.

I am proud of our job and what we all have accomplished. Even in the face of tight budgets, we have always stepped up to the plate. Each member has made this place better. I am proud to be a Firefighter and wear our patch on our sleeve. I proudly say I work for the Schiller Park Fire Department. It is in my heart and I believe in this department. As the recruits are taught in the fire academy-Duty, Pride, Tradition.

I would also ask that you indulge me as I thank the department and everyone who expressed their sentiments to me on the passing of my mother Christmas Eve. She is the reason I am here. My mother was the secretary at St. Rosalie and saw an ad in the newspaper that Schiller Park was testing for firefighters. She always knew my passion for the fire service and gave me the ad. I took the test and ended up number 1. When an opening occurred I left corporate Fed Ex, and a \$35,000 pay cut, to come here. My mom and dad supported me and were there to see me sworn in as a firefighter and lieutenant. My father never saw me make Chief but my mother stood at my side as I was appointed.

She was the matriarch of our Italian family, yes I'm 100% Italian even with brown (gray) hair and blue eyes, and gave me the strength to persevere.

She was proud when the department honored my father at his death and I am proud of our department as they honored her at her death with thoughts, prayers, a hug, handshake or just being with me with no words being spoken. She attended events and prayed and worried as any mother for each of us. I will not forget those of you who remembered. S. Peter

# Proudly Serving Since 1925

## 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 December 15<sup>th</sup> when Red shift took in a lock out. The tenant inadvertently locked themselves out and needed their medication. After the Schiller Park Police verified residency our members were able to gain access with no effort and minimal damage.

Next up they responded to a fire alarm in a bar. Arriving members found that no one was evacuating and patrons were still sitting at the bar drinking while the alarm was going off. The cause ended up being the result of a smoke machine on site.

Red shift then was dispatched to a working garage fire in Norwood Park. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were assigned the "D" sector for extension and overhaul.

December 17<sup>th</sup> saw Black shift respond to a motor vehicle accident where the car was pinned up against a light pole. The second car was spun out across the intersection. Members treated patients from both cars.

Lt. Swiontek and Engine 5 then took in a call for a person trapped in an elevator in an office complex. Lock out and tag out were initiated and the elevator car opened.

Park Ridge on December 18<sup>th</sup>

responded to a fire in their town and requested Change Quarter company. FF/PM Bubis and Engine 5 responded on the quiet to cover their town.

Gold shift on the 20<sup>th</sup> responded to a business fire alarm. After arriving B/C Hatcher was told that the alarm was due to burnt popcorn in the microwave. All auto aid was then held up.

After returning to quarters companies were dispatched to a fire alarm in a hotel. On scene maintenance told B/C Hatcher that the alarm may be due to a broken sprinkler pipe in the kitchen area. The fire investigative team entered and found a broken union on the sprinkler system pipe causing flooding and ruined food. The system was shut down until repairs could be made.

Gold shifts lieutenant and Engine then were sent to a gas leak where a passerby smelled gas outside. Monitors were used to detector the source and location.

December 21<sup>st</sup> had Black shift "stilled" out for smoke in the building. Responding fire companies were told that it was a stove fire. Arriving B/C Budnik found that smoke was coming from the main entrance and fire could be seen from the garden unit. Engine 5 dropped the skid load and secured a water supply while truck 5 began a primary search for occupants. Truck 2, Norwood Park and Rosemont all arrived and were given assignments. Engine 5 advanced the 1 ¼ line into the unit and found the kitchen engulfed in fire. A knock down and overhaul by on scene companies soon brought the fire under control. Extensive smoke, fire and water damage occurred in the area of origin and throughout the building. Truck 5 then began overhaul and ventilation of the building. Chief Chiodo arrived and quickly determined it was accidental as the stove was still on from cooking and the tenant walking away and the cabinets catching on fire. No further fire investigation was required.

After shift change Red shift took in wires down. At the location wires from the pole to the apartment building were on the ground in the backyard. Dispatch contacted the utilities to determine who was responsible for the wires.

A fire in Norwood Park on December 22<sup>nd</sup> had Gold shift respond with Truck 5 and Battalion 5. The fire occurred in the kitchen at a country club golf course. Truck 5 performed ventilation, overhaul and assisted in primary and secondary searches.

Black shift responded to the tollway on the 27<sup>th</sup> for a truck leaking diesel. Illinois State Police and Toll way maintenance were on scene and coordinated clean up.

After returning to the firehouse, Black shift was toned out to a possible clothes dryer on fire. Occupant showed the fire investigative crew a pile of burnt clothing and said he poured water into the machine. Members shut off the gas and disconnected the power. No further fire was found.

While a building was having some construction work done on the 30<sup>th</sup> workers who were cutting tile inadvertently set off the fire alarm system causing Red shift to respond. Lt. Niemand advised that they could continue work if they covered temporarily the detectors to prevent false alarms and remove before they left for the day.

Lt. Niemand and Engine 5 then took in a call for a gas leak outside the Recreation Department. A ground leak was coming up through a puddle and bubbling. NICOR was requested to the scene to investigate and rectify.

Gold shift ended the year on the 31<sup>st</sup> with a hotel fire alarm system going off. The alarm panel indicated the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and members hiked up the stairs to the location where they found a group of people smoking near a detector activating the alarm.

Black shift began 2020's unusual calls on the 4<sup>th</sup> with wires down on a vehicle. On scene it was determined

that they were not electrically energized and cable television wires.

Leaving this scene members were dispatched to a fire alarm in a hotel. Black shift found that the alarm was due to cleaning crew vacuuming the mezzanine level.

In the early evening Black shift responded to our Rec Center gym for a fire alarm. On scene members found that a Pull Box had been activated and according to the players in the gym it was accidental.

A short while later another fire alarm at the gym had basketball players claim that the ball accidentally hit the pull station. All players were told should this happen a third time the gym would be cleared.

January 5<sup>th</sup> had Red shift take in a call for an elevator rescue. Members controlled the elevators with lock out and tag out before proceeding to the third floor to check on the stopped elevator. Members were able to retrieve the person after using elevator keys to gain access.

B/C Hatcher and Gold shift took in a fire alarm on January 6<sup>th</sup> and found that cooking oil had generated smoke which tripped the fire alarm.

Red shift responded to the toll way on January 11<sup>th</sup> for a car fire. When they arrived they found a SUV on the shoulder with fire in the engine compartment and impinging into the cabin. A line was dropped off our Engine 5 and 500 gallons of water extinguished the fire. The owner stated that the SUV was running at a high RPM and not shifting gears when he heard a loud pop and lost power. As he pulled over he noticed flames under the hood.

Not long after returning to quarters when a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm in Franklin Park was requested. FF/PM Dehmlow the On-duty Hazardous materials Technician responded to the spill and participated with other Division 20 Haz Mat Technicians.

A school fire alarm on January 13<sup>th</sup> had Black shift respond to the middle

school. Upon arrival evacuation of the students was in progress. The Fire Incident Commander met the Superintendent who stated it was a smoke detector in the teachers lounge activated due to food in the microwave.

Later in the evening Black shift was requested by the toll way to mile marker 33 for a tanker on fire. B/C Budnik and the shift arrived to find a tanker with the rear portion engulfed. He ordered two hose lines to be deployed from both Engine 5 and Engine 6. Engine 6 engaged its foam tank mix and an additional engine from Rosemont was dispatched. Chief Kuryla (BERK) arrived on scene and advised that a Hillside and Berkeley engine were also en-route to the scene. Engine 5 and 6 soon ran out of water as Hillside arrived with their engine. The tanker carried a total of 5,000 gallons of a combustible liquid in 5 compartments. Fire was contained to one of the five sections and the driver indicated that the fire originated by the rear wheels. (see photos)

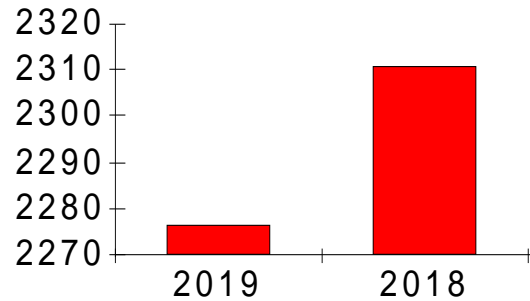
January 14<sup>th</sup> saw an ambulance call where dispatch told responders to stage away from the building as the caller was laying naked outside on their front lawn and claiming that he had been bitten by a rat. After police secured the scene, paramedics were able to triage the patient and transport.

The last ca for this reporting period came later in the day when a motor vehicle incident versus a pedestrian had Red shift respond. The person was found on the side of the road and was transported to Lutheran General a Level One trauma center.



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

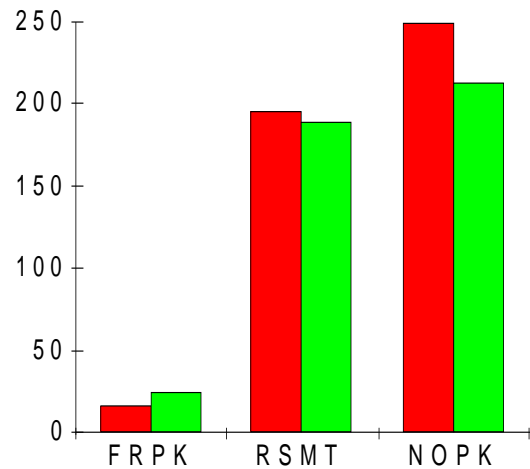
## Total Incidents



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The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31<sup>st</sup> "To":

## Auto Aid Given



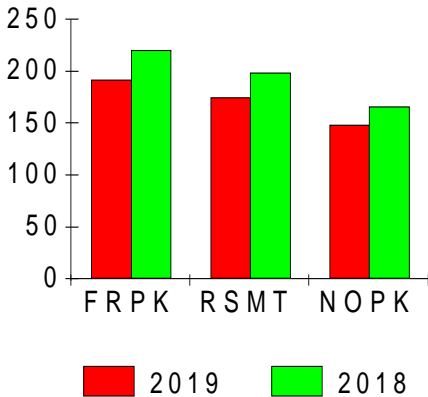
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The run summary for Automatic Aid

as of December 31<sup>st</sup> "From":

## Auto Aid Received



|                 | 2019 | 2018  |
|-----------------|------|-------|
| Total Incidents | 2276 | 2,311 |

### Auto Aid to:

|                      |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Franklin Park (FRPK) | 16  | 24  |
| Norwood Park (NOPK)  | 248 | 212 |
| Rosemont (RSMT)      | 195 | 188 |

### Auto Aid From:

|                      |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Franklin Park (FRPK) | 192 | 220 |
| Norwood Park (NOPK)  | 148 | 166 |
| Rosemont (RSMT)      | 174 | 197 |

## Chief's Corner

### *We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

I am saddened to tell our members and friends that this past month we lost one of our retired Lieutenants Rich McGuire. Rich put in over 20 years with the department and was one of mechanically inclined members. He could work on the engines and problem solve on the fly. More info later in the *Booster Line* under Retiree News.

The Village also said good bye to former Village Trustee Kathleen Ewanio who passed away. She was not only a trustee in Schiller Park but also a teacher for many years in District 81.

The McGrath Group whom were hired

by the Village to assess the Fire Department continues to work on its report. We hope to see a draft copy by late February.

As you can see by our run numbers we finished 2019 with 2,276 runs. This is slightly lower than the previous year by 35 calls.

Our congratulations to Chief Sean Flynn on his appointment as Fire Chief in River Grove. His appointment became effective January 2<sup>nd</sup> after Chief LaRiveria retired. We wish both men the best of luck.

The Village is implementing a new phone system. There have been a few snafus causing delays. We hope to have it operational by the end of February.

The Village has approved a developer at its last Board meeting to begin a new phase for the toll way Oasis. As more information and drawings become available we will pass on.

The Board also passed resolutions authorizing the fire department to take part in federal programs for surplus equipment and to begin the process of disposing Engine 453 as surplus while we await our new engine.

For those of you who are statisticians, I ran the numbers for the shifts with average age and average years of experience. The results are as follows:

|               | Black | Red  | Gold |
|---------------|-------|------|------|
| Avg. Yrs Exp. | 10.3  | 9.4  | 11.6 |
| Avg. Age      | 38.2  | 36.5 | 38.6 |

The Archdiocese of Chicago also announced that St. Maria Goretti will be closing its school next year because of low attendance. No word on what will happen to the school building at this time.

With the New Year all the General Orders have been revisited and updated. They can be found in Target Solutions and in the Shared Drive. A few hard copies are also available.

IDOT has indicated that they will be

working on widening Irving Park from the toll way to 25<sup>th</sup> sometime this Summer. They also plan on re-surfacing River road through town and Lawrence Avenue.

We are reviewing Chapter 32 of the Millennium code dealing with the fire department and job descriptions.

## 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.

Truck 5 returned from the shops after the "rust" was worked on and covered under warranty. The passenger side door scratch was also repaired.

Engine 6 (453) needed a new tire which was taken care of at Wentworth Tire.

The battery operated fan authorized by the members and paid through the foreign fire fund was placed in service on Engine 5.

Members have also re-organized the apparatus floor to accommodate our new Lift. This also allowed for creation of the Water Rescue Locker and Storage replacing the quartermaster locker. Please try to continue and keep this area clean and free of clutter.

Lastly, we have replaced the cell phones on our apparatus. Verizon indicated that the 3G phones we were using would no longer be supported by the end of the year. The new phones were free and at no cost to the Village.

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# EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Our mechanic Tony installed new magnetic clips for the radios in both ambulances.

Lt. Swiontek also put new rainbow cables SPO2 and SPCO on the RAD 57 on Engine 5.

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> per the Village Ordinance, ambulance rates increased 3% for base rate and mileage.

Loyola also provided the statistics for the EMS System which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We have also been notified by the IDPH that we need to have all public and private AED's in town registered with the dispatch center, MCD. Lt. Swiontek is drafting a letter which will be mailed out to all the businesses and schools in town.

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.

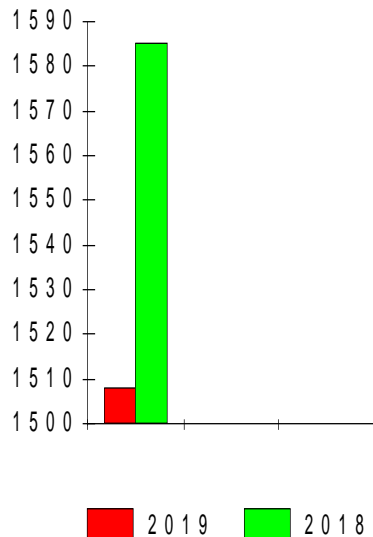
When exchanging/retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check/ verify the dosages. With different manufactures & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 133 emergency calls. A total of 130 patients were encountered. 80 patients were transported to area hospitals.

|                      | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Responses      | 133                  | 1509                |
| ALS Transports       | 47                   | 537                 |
| BLS Transports       | 33                   | 346                 |
| Refusals/MPR's       | 30                   | 319                 |
| Other Non-Transports | 9                    | 62                  |
| Fire Responses       | 14                   | 265                 |
| CPR Students taught  | 0                    | 107                 |
| Car Seats Installed  | 0                    | 3                   |
| Mut. Aid to SHPK     | 6                    | 64                  |
| SHPK to others       | 5                    | 64                  |



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? –

- dispose of outdated (NFPA 10 year rule) bunker gear

- dispose of engine 453
- Screen overhead doors
- Epoxy floor
- \_New Great Room floor
- 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

### December Trivia

Fires start when a flammable or a combustible material, in combination with a sufficient quantity of an oxidizer such as oxygen gas or another oxygen-rich compound is exposed to what?

**Answer:** A source of heat or ambient temperature above the flash point for the fuel/oxidizer mix, and is able to sustain a rate of rapid oxidation that produces a chain reaction. This is commonly called the FIRE TETRAHEDRON.

Two correct answers were received.

Chief Belmonte (ret. WECH) and a new entrant Peter Tropp from the Illinois Fire Buffs and the Joker Stand Journal.

## January Trivia

Some fuel-oxygen mixes may require what?

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.

FF/PM Dehmlow, FF/PM Jackson, FF/PM Kady, and FF/PM Zydlo all attended the Advanced Technician Firefighter program. This is a job requirement and part of the new State Fire Marshal OSFM program.

Members completed the required annual drivers training.

FF/PM Cwynar graduated from the Fire Academy on December 13<sup>th</sup> and returned to Black shift.

Word has filtered out of Triton College that they plan on building a fire training tower this summer. We will monitor with Triton Fire Science Chairman Bill Justice. Our older outdated (NFPA 10 year) gear may be donated to their fire science program.

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 368 hours of training for the month with 25 training drills. This includes outside classes.

| Totals:            | Month | Hrs | Year | Hrs  |
|--------------------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Drills/<br>Classes | 25    | 368 | 294  | 3848 |

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 Profile

This month we profile Chief Peter Chiodo.



Chief Chiodo began his career with the Schiller Park Fire Department in 1989. He was hired as a Firefighter/EMT and maintained his EMT for over 25 years.

While a firefighter he volunteered to go to Fire Prevention Officer school, Hazardous Materials school, was a Housing Inspector and the coordinator/liaison in Public Education/Relations. He completed Fire Officer I and II. He holds over 25 State Fire Marshal certifications and 10 NIMS certifications.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995 and was assigned to be the Training Officer. He was elected the Secretary of the Northern Illinois Training Association and became President of the Division 20 training Officers. He holds degrees in Fire Science, History, Political Science, Philosophy and Theology.

He became a Shift Officer and Commander in 2003. Chief Deegan

assigned him as Administrative Assistant in 2003 and believes in succession planning. He has had many wild and crazy ideas, some good and some not so good but always with the best interest in mind. responded to over 13,000 calls so far in his career.

He was appointed to be the Chief of the Department in 2015 and continues to have a vision for the department revising his 2020 Outlook with his 2025 Outlook.

Chief Chiodo is married, other than to his job, and has three children (none interested in the fire service).

Time flies by in the fire service and in the blink of an eye you're at 20 then 30 years. To persevere in this job you must have a desire and heart. This is the greatest job in the world.



Thanks for your time and dedication, you make us proud to be firefighters and in the fire service and village employees.

## Fire Prevention

### *An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure*

Shifts have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of calendar year 2019 with their inspections. These included the vacant buildings that are put off til the end of the year. 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.

The rotation for 2020 has taken place and the shifts have begun the next round.

The Village has passed a new Ordinance allowing the fire department to recoup the costs of the fire prevention bureau and time that B/C Hatcher puts in. The rate of return is \$100 per hour. Dee Casey will coordinate the billing from Community Development.

If there are any business license inquires, they should go through Dee at Community Development. They should not be going to the front office staff. All business license issues will be handled by Community Development.

We will be looking into have businesses over 10,000 square feet number their exit/entrance doors similar to the markings the schools have. We will implement this at the beginning of the calendar year with the new inspection cycle.

The Village code was amended by the Village Board to adopt stortz connections as the only fire department connection. Letters have gone out to the businesses not in compliance informing them of the change and that it would be followed up on their annual inspection.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes. We have contacted Code writers to help advise and review. We are looking to have the Village adopt the 2018 International Codes to be effective May 1, 2020.

A bag has been placed in the vehicles for inspectors when checking Knox Boxes. Inside the bag will be tags to identify keys, marker and Red rubber boots (indicating the Main Key to enter the premises). See Memo from the FPB in the Pass On book.

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.

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 Operation North Pole held in Rosemont.

All three shifts participated in the Salvation Army Red Kettle and Ring the Bell at our local Walgreen's.

The Fun and Games Playschool invited us to their New Year concert and lunch. Chief Chiodo attended and enjoy a wonderful banquet on behalf of the department.

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

We have heard from several of our retirees this past month.

As noted above we mourn the loss of a fellow member and dear friend Lt. Rich McGuire (ret.). Rich was a twenty four year member who contracted a rare blood disorder disease, Cold Agglutinin disease. This disorder affects 1: 1.6 million people. Rich leaves behind his wife Judy, 4 stepchildren and 15 grandchildren. His family was at his side during his hospice care at home.

Per Rich's request, he will be cremated and chose not to have any services or memorial. If you would like to contact the family or send wishes, see Chief Chiodo. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family.

We also heard from POC Pat Quinn (ret.) who wanted to pass along that he and his wife have moved from Schiller Park to Clarksville, TN. If you would like to contact Pat, see Chief Chiodo.



Chief Chiodo also had the opportunity to speak with Chief Preiss (ret.) and catch up on what is going on in the

area and with the department. It was hard for him to believe that he retired in 1995.

Please drop a line as to how any of our retirees are doing. This is an opportunity to let others know what you are doing and how you are doing. Please email to Chief Chiodo at [pchiodo@schillerparkil.us](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).

## Letters and Notes

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

The Vendegna's sent a letter thanking the fire department for all the assistance we provided to her husband. Unfortunately he passed away on October 23<sup>rd</sup> but they will never forget all the care and compassion we provided to him and the family. They wish us all well in 2020.

On behalf of my brother and sisters, I Peter Chiodo, wanted to thank the members for the flowers and show of support during the loss of my mother at her wake, funeral and in the firehouse.

The Perrino family also sent a card thanking the firefighters and paramedics for giving the family the best Christmas gift by saving their husband, father and grandfather. May God keep us all safe.

The Fun and Games Playschool provided the firefighters and paramedics with a pastry tray as we all kick off a New Year.

## Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance met and authorized purchase of items including kitchen chairs, storage cases, cleaning machine, exercise equipment and nutritional items amongst others.

## Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand is preparing possibilities for the next AFG grant period.

He continues to work with Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security. He also attended the professional development for Emergency Management seminar in Lombard.

Lt. Niemand also continues to monitor all employees for compliance with NIMS and pharmaceuticals.

## Pension News

The pension board has set dates for 2020 meetings. These include February 20, May 21, August 20 and November 19<sup>th</sup> all at 10:00 AM. The Illinois pension consolidation will impact our fund stay tuned for more info.

## And Finally...

There are no mistakes. Only new paths to explore.

## Deadlines

*The Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at [pchiodo@schillerparkil.us](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).*

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Page 10- Loyola statistics



