

# Booster Line

## 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 March 16<sup>th</sup> when an office building under renovation had a fire alarm. Responding members from Gold shift ending their tour took in the call. A detector had gone off during construction and the workers did not notify our dispatch center.

After shift change Black shift took in an ambulance call for a person slumped over and unconscious in the Forest Preserves in a car. Personnel arrived and found the person alert and indicating that they pulled over their car to take a nap. No service needed.

Red shift on St. Patrick's Day, responded to a building being remodelled. Similar to a previous call a few days earlier, the contractor called the alarm out of service to dispatch after the alarm had tripped.

Next up the shift went to the toll way for a vehicular accident. On scene they found that a tire had come off of a truck and flew through the air and smashed into the windshield of a car.

St. Joseph's Day March 19<sup>th</sup>, had Black shift take in a call for a utility pole smoking. Com Ed was notified and the area secured until the arrival of Com Ed.

At the end of the work day, Black shift

then took in a fire alarm. Arriving on scene B/C Budnik was met by a employee stating that the alarm was false. As he was exiting the building his backpack accidentally hit the pull box and activating it and the alarm.

A residential lock out on March 27<sup>th</sup> had Engine 5 meet our police officers on the scene where the identify of the requestor was verified before attempting entry. The building was laddered and an unlocked bedroom window was accessed allowing members to enter and unlock the door.

March 29<sup>th</sup> had an emotionally challenging day as members responded to a call for a resident not breathing. Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 while doing ALS interventions requested additional support from Truck 5 and Battalion 5. All members continued to work until medical control ordered them to stop any further ALS interventions.

The toll way authority requested Schiller Park to respond on the 31<sup>st</sup> for a vehicle leaking fuel. Engine 5 responded and found the oasis lock on the gate inoperative. Members had to be innovative quickly and used a pipe wrench to twist and snap the lock before proceeding. The toll way was notified of the delay and the broken lock.

Black shift then was dispatched to a condo complex for a fire alarm. A smoke detector was activated in the second floor hallway. Investigation could find no cause and no condo owners owned up to any knowledge.

April Fool's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> had 458 respond to a Haz Mat call in Bensenville. Lt. Swiontek the on duty technician responded and assisted the Haz Mat Team at the call.

A reported natural gas leak next had members respond to the single family residence to monitor the home. Using two separate monitors no readings could be detected .

A roll over semi truck on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rosemont on the toll way had Rosemont request Schiller Park as

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they were responding to another call of theirs. Schiller Park companies found a semi tractor trailer combination on its side on the ramp to northbound 294 from I-90. (see photos). Members removed the driver who then declined any medical service.

After being released from this scene the next call for Gold shift was a fire alarm in a condo building. The fire investigative team found a heavy odor of cigarette smoke near a detector and no other problems throughout the building.

April 4<sup>th</sup> had a carbon monoxide alarm go off in a residence. 2 fire department monitors were used to sample the air in the house and the highest concentration was 5 ppm.

After returning to quarters, Red shift then responded to the toll way for a semi truck who hit the center wall. Ambulance 6 assessed the driver and treated.

An activated smoke detector then had Red shift respond to find an embarrassed resident apologize as they burnt food setting off the alarm. After verifying that all was okay, members picked up and returned to quarters.

MCD dispatched Gold shift on April 5<sup>th</sup> to a multi-family home for a fire alarm. While en-route MCD advised the fire crews that the caller reported smoke on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The fire investigative crew entered the building and found an occupant who stated that he was filling a bottle of hand sanitizer with alcohol next to the stove while he was cooking. The seam of the bottle he was filling split and the flame from the stove ignited the liquid and spilled onto the refrigerator. The resident used a portable dry chemical extinguisher to put out the fire. Truck 5 ventilated the area.

A wash down of fuel on the street was requested by our police department on April 7<sup>th</sup>. On scene a two car crash had fluids from the vehicles leaking. Absorbents were placed on the ground as a better way

to contain any chemicals and liquids.

Lt. Niemand and Red shift next took in a call for carbon monoxide alarm. Using our instruments to check for elevated levels members checked all areas and found no problems. The carbon monoxide detector was near the end of life being nearly 8 years old and a lifespan of only 10 years.

A fire alarm in a playschool on April 9<sup>th</sup> had Gold shift respond. The staff reported that smoke was entering through the front of the building. Crews found oily rags smoldering in the front area where work was being performed on the flooring. The rags were extinguished and removed to the outside while truck 5 ventilated the whole structure.

Members of Gold shift responded later to a fire alarm with the engine and truck company found a pull station activated with no cause in the multi-unit building.

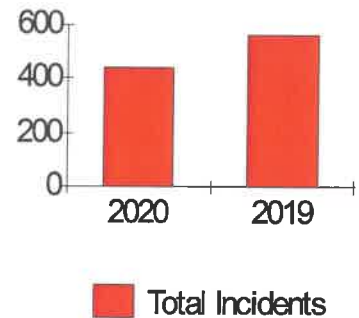
After Black shift took their watch, they responded to smoke coming from the oven. The resident told firefighters on the scene that she was pre-heating the oven and black smoke started coming out. The oven was shut off and no fire found. The resident was advised to call a repair person to check out the stove/oven.

The last call for the reporting period came on the 10<sup>th</sup> when an automatic fire alarm had members respond to the single family house. At the location Black shift found the home owner tell firefighters that it was burnt toast in the kitchen and that there was no fire.



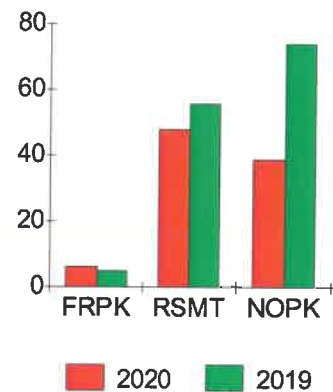
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### Total Incidents



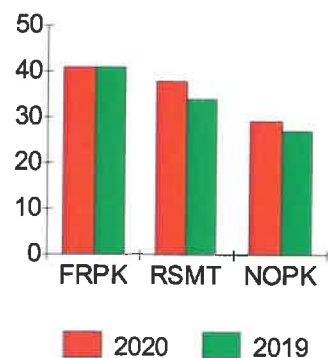
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of March 31<sup>st</sup> "To":

### Auto Aid Given



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

### Auto Aid Received



	2020	2019
Total Incidents	440	567

**Auto Aid to:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	6	5
Norwood Park (NOPK)	39	74
Rosemont (RSMT)	48	56

**Auto Aid From:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	41	41
Norwood Park (NOPK)	29	27
Rosemont (RSMT)	38	34

# Chief's Corner

*We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*



With

the outbreak of the coronavirus / covid-19 the Village has issued several memos on how we will continue to deliver services while at the same time protecting our employees. Interim Village Manager Dave Strahl has issued a memo to all employees. To help prevent the spread the Village Hall, Community Development, Recreation Department and Library are CLOSED. Both the fire and police departments are having limited to NO access to their facilities and all Village buildings are posted. A Stay in Place Order was issued by the Governor and several other states are following. The order is in effect until April 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have this under control and be back to "normal" as soon as possible. This is a fluid situation that changes on the federal, state and local level daily if not hourly. We receive roughly 40-50

emails and updates daily and will share as we can. I have also made contingency plans with Franklin Park and vice versa should the need arise. We are in constant communication with IDPH, CDC, Homeland Security both federal and Cook County, Loyola and all our partners to work together and share resources. Continue to follow all protocol, wash your hands, cover your mouth and wear all appropriate PPE when necessary.

With the outbreak and being on "lock down" I would like to thank residents, friends, neighbors and businesses who have graciously provided food to the firefighters over the last month. A special thanks to former Trustee Kitch Gorzynski who bought dinner for all three shifts and McDonald who donated meals to the firehouse (see photos)

With the quarantine we have not been able to recognize FF/PM Miletta as our 2019 Firefighter of the Year (the Appreciation Dinner was cancelled due to corona virus). We will honor Mike internally for his work.

The State Fire Marshal has added a section to the NFPA 901 NFIRS reports concerning corona virus. Please make sure that this section is filled out.

Lt. Swiontek issued policies regarding social distancing this past month. I am very proud of all the members on the cleaning and distancing that has taken place. To date we have been very fortunate as no members have contacted the disease or been quarantined. Several of the Divisions fire departments have not been as fortunate.

MABAS requested that during this crisis the MABAS 20 light tower be relocated to Methodist Hospital in Chicago (5025 Paulina). Here MABAS Task Force 1 also arrived to set up field testing (see photos).

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Niemand have worked on revising our Trouble Alarm policy during and after business hours. They also consulted and worked with MCD for a unified approach.

Lt. Anderson (ret.) has decided not to run again for the retiree spot on the Firefighters Pension Board. An election was held and FF/PM LiRosi (ret.) was elected by the retirees.

All members should be aware of several construction projects either being worked on or will commence in the near future. The first is the water main replacement on Grace street. This will tie us up as we return to quarters and access to certain parts of the community. River Road, Irving, Mannheim and Lawrence Avenue are all slated to have construction in the upcoming months. Construction season is one of two in Chicago.

Public Works has contracted for hydrant valve exercising throughout town. Between this project, where they have busted hydrants and water mains, and sewer televising the Water Department has asked us to hold off on hydrant flushing and flows for the time being.

Within Division 20 a number of items to report including many of the Chiefs are reviewing and updating their Box Alarm Cards for 2020-2021. Chief Spain from Bensenville has announced his retirement effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Scott Walker (former part-time paramedic her and current Fire Chief in Addison) will run the Bensenville Fire Department as Chief of both communities. And finally, effective April 15<sup>th</sup> the Stone Park Fire Department officially ran its last call and will cease to exist. Melrose Park will cover the calls within Stone Park.

The Police and Fire Commission completed the testing process for firefighter/paramedic. Our current list expires in April. We can expect a FINAL list by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 April to early May.

The Village implemented a new phone system. There were a few snafus causing delays but the system is installed and working. FF/PM Bubis

has been our point person and put in a significant amount of time to get everyone logged in, phones set up and will work on the intercom shortly. Tim has been a big help to the Village and our department.

We hope to have it operational by the end of April.

We are still scheduled to get our new E-One engine. Again with the virus and most of the manufacturing shut down in the United States we will be looking at early 2021. The shop number is SO 144000. When in production you can go on the E-One website and see the progress of the build out.

The Schiller Park Police have issued a temporary order that will have police officers responding to fire department calls stage outside as a precaution during the coronavirus scare/threat.

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

With so many businesses closed or on modified schedules, revenues have plummeted for the Village and the Villages budget. We are in survival mode and trying to cut expenses as income has dried up during covid 19. Unless mission critical all expenses are halted or under review.



## 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.

One of his projects has been to keep the 2006 Ford Explorer going. Because of electrical issues, Tony installed a battery "circuit breaker" so that when the current runs low it trips and won't drain the battery so it is available for use in an emergency situation. We are beginning to experience more mechanical problems with this vehicle and won't replace it until at least FY2022.

Tony also replaced the burnt out headlight on Battalion 5 passenger side.

Engine 455 went out to the shops for its annual preventive maintenance. Several major items were found that we could not repair in house by Tony. Water was leaking into the oil in the pump, a major break was found in the exhaust and several other items out of 15 pages of flaws that required the shops to repair at a cost of nearly \$14,000 in emergency mission critical capacity.

Members also assembled a replacement BBQ. It was replaced at NO COST under the warranty.

We also placed on our rigs Gross Decon buckets and equipment per NFPA 1851.

## EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

With the outbreak of the corona virus, Loyola Medical system has been updating the department on protocols and issuing memos. We are all monitoring events and forwarding to the Officers all pertinent information from Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Please use all PPE when necessary or in doubt. It

may get worse before it gets better.

We have had conference calls with Dr. Cichon and several new policies concerning treatment and transport or non transport have been issued. Loyola will also be implementing tele-medicine where the patient may talk to a doctor. This will be a charge to the patient as treatment according to Loyola and Dr. Cichon.

We have placed on the vehicles Corona kits. Please take this seriously as we don't want to contaminate each other nor bring anything home to our families.

Another consequence of the covid 19 is the Rush Mobile Stroke Unit will temporarily suspend service as resources are being reallocated. We hope it returns to service soon.

We have received from Cook County Emergency Management and FEMA personal protective equipment this past month. We have picked up this PPE from the drop off locations in Berkeley, Bellwood, Northlake and Loyola. We have received from the shipment to Bellwood 200 masks, from Loyola 100 N95 masks, 200 simple masks and 2 boxes of gloves, from Berkeley another 200 masks and from Northlake 100 gowns.

Our fire department has provided some of these supplies to our Police Department including the N95 masks and to our front office personnel some simple masks.

The Village also has received from the Federal Stimulus Package (CARES) about \$4,600.

Our dispatch center MCD has also implemented policies for call taking and screening before dispatch. MCD continues to be an asset to the fire service and our personnel.

Lt. Swiontek reminds everyone to turn off the computers on the ambulances and then back ON everyday so that updates can be installed.

The Village was able to use a part of the IPRF grant this past month to purchase 5 AED's. Three will be replacements for aging units that will

be taken out of service and the 2 new ones will be placed in the Village Hall and Water garage.

The Masimo soft finger pulse oximeter was replaced on Ambulance 5.

Ambulance 5 (461) returned from a repair at the manufacture that was covered under warranty.

On a lighter note, march 24<sup>th</sup> had a gentleman stop by the firehouse and inquire about his guitar. He told our personnel that a few years ago he was transported to the hospital and fire department personnel took his possession of his guitar until he was discharged. Unfortunately we don't have his guitar and referred him to the Police Department to make a report. Our police also were amused and asked, "are you serious?"

We currently should have enough supplies for our personnel to be outfitted with the appropriate PPE. All members have also been n-95 fit tested.

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.

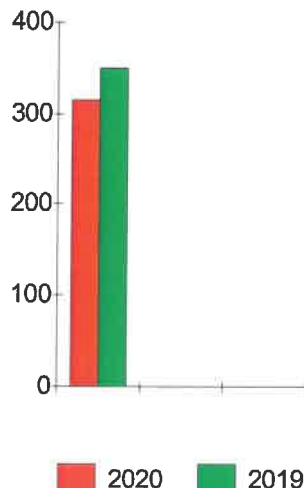
When exchanging/retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check/verify the dosages. With different manufacturers & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.



During the past month personnel responded to 100 emergency calls. A total of 86 patients were encountered. 63 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	100	314
ALS Transports	39	110
BLS Transports	24	86
Refusals/MPR's	17	69
Other Non-Transports	5	13
Fire Responses	15	46
CPR Students taught	0	10
Car Seats Installed	0	0
Mut. Aid to SHPK	6	17
SHPK to others	3	11

**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.

With the Corona virus, we have limited our personnel to what projects we will or can work on.

What's in the works? –

- New Life pak
- New Mobile Data terminals
- new SCBA bottles
- new radios
- 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*

### **March Trivia**

Fire is affected by what force?

**Answer:** Gravity

No correct answers were received.

## April Trivia

A flame is a mixture of reacting gases and solids emitting 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.

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Adam Niemand will become our new Training Officer. Lt. Leiser will be reassigned to Emergency Management.

Lt. Leiser attended the Incident Safety Officer class in Franklin Park prior to the shelter in place order.

In house training has continued in our own firehouse with skill reviews and practice throughout the month. Members also completed annual bloodborne pathogen training.

Lt. Niemand met with the three shifts to outline his strategy and goals for the upcoming year. The Training Bureau Overview focused on Target Solutions, Training Budget and Yearly training goals. If you have any ideas or suggestions for training, please contact Lt. Niemand.

Please review your screen in Target Solutions to see if you have any incomplete assignments.

All upcoming training outside the firehouse has been cancelled,

postponed and delayed for the safety of all firefighters.

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. Niemand 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 403 hours of training for the month with 24 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:    Month    Hrs    Year    Hrs

Drills/ Classes	20	224	74	805
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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. Lt. Niemand is working with the Division and the State to see about hosting

another class for proctors to be held in northern Illinois instead of traveling to Springfield. Currently there are only four proctors from Division 20 eligible to proctor. Therefore you cannot approach any proctor and expect to be given an exam on a short notice. Class rosters and attendance must be in hand of the State to verify that you took the class, attended, had a qualified instructor and completed the class and end of class test before an exam from the State will be administered.

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 Battalion Chief Anthony Hatcher.



B/C Anthony Hatcher was hired in 1997 and attended the Arlington Heights Fire Academy. B/C Hatcher worked as a shift inspector and was

an active member on the Haz Mat team. He attained a majority of the OSFM certifications while continuing as a paramedic.

Anthony was married while on the job and has two children. Anthony was promoted to Lieutenant and worked under Cmdr. Maher in the fire prevention bureau. Upon Cmdr. Maher's retirement, Lt. Hatcher took over as the Fire Prevention Bureau Coordinator.

In 2015 Anthony was assigned as a Battalion Chief and took over Gold shift. He continues to work as a One Man Fire Prevention Bureau do specialized inspections, witnessing, and plan review. He was instrumental in taking the bureau to the highest level of professionalism that this department has seen. He along with Lt. Niemand implemented having inspections on a digital platform and we began to transition to the IPADS and the use of electronic emails. We also saw the scanning and digitalizing of all our fire prevention files that was spearheaded by B/C Hatcher and Lt. Niemand.

B/C Hatcher has also continued his education in fire prevention by attending additional classes for certifications above the Fire Prevention Officer level. B/C Hatcher has proposed a full time fire prevention bureau to relieve some of the burden on him and to recoup some of the expenses involved.

He works in harmony with Community Development and the Building Official to coordinate all permits and plans. He helped propose and implement a new system for plan review to recover costs of the bureau at \$100 per hour. B/C Hatcher works shift but because of the nature of the bureau often has to work his off days to meet with contractors and for follow up.

B/C Hatcher holds State Fire Marshal certifications through Fire Officer II.

He also holds NIMS certifications in 11 areas.

B/C Hatcher continues to be in charge of Gold shift overseeing 10 personnel. We thank him for his dedication and leadership as he also begins to look to see who his successor will be.

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 placed on hold any of the daily business fire prevention inspections due to the corona virus. With the stay at home order and only essential businesses open, the decision was made to postpone any and all inspections. Members will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year catching up 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.

B/C Hatcher is still working on plans and reviews for projects that were already in the works. We expect that after the economy opens up again, there will be a flurry of permits and requests.

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.

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.

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.

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 is now giving credit for Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

# Community Engagement

## *Saving Lives Through Education*

All activities are being suspended due to the covid-19 outbreak. With tight budgets we will also be reviewing the FY 21 projects and ability to deliver public education.

We will continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town after the pandemic subsides. We will also offer car seat installations again after the health threat is over. 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 and Former Employees

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

FF/PM LiRosi (ret.) was elected by the other retirees to serve on the pension board.

Scott Walker (former PT/PM) and Fire Chief in Addison was named as Chief in Bensenville also. He will lead both departments.

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 Mayor sent a letter to all Village Employees (posted in Kitchen) thanking everyone who has worked through the covid-19 pandemic, go above and beyond and modified their work schedules or habits to continue to provide service to our residents and businesses. Each worker plays a crucial and critical role as part of our organization in providing consistent and constant service with minimal disruptions. Thank you again to all the men and women who work here and for what we do and staying Schiller Park Strong.

A letter was received from Chief Giuffre (STPK) thanking all the members of Division 20 who have helped out the Stone Park Fire Department in the past. Unfortunately, the Stone Park Fire Department closed its doors permanently on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 0700 hours. Melrose Park will assume the calls in Stone Park and Chief Jack Giuffre will continue for the time being as the liaison.

Our last letter was received from Chief Spain (BENV) who announced that he is retiring from the Bensenville Fire Protection District effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. He is appreciative of all the support that he has received and all the wonderful persons he worked with throughout his career.

## Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance is taking purchase suggestions for the next meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>. Because of the on-going closures, the meeting may be held remotely or through a platform such as Zoom.

## Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand has transitioned to Training and Lt. Leiser will take over Emergency Management along with assisting in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Lt. Leiser is working with Cook County Emergency Management and

Regional Security and will assume the monitoring of all employees for compliance with NIMS, pharmaceuticals and grants.

## Pension News

Pension meeting dates for 2020 meetings. These include May 21, August 20 and November 19<sup>th</sup> all at 10:00 AM.

The Illinois pension consolidation will impact our fund. The Statewide committee met prior to the quarantine and elected a chairperson and co-chairperson. According to the Illinois Fire Chiefs they continue to meet remotely as the funds transfers and consolidation continue to move forward.

## And Finally...

Our anxiety does not come from thinking about the future, but from wanting to control it.

## 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).*

Page 9- Division 20 Light Tower delivered to Methodist Hospital in Chicago for Field Hospital.

Page 10- Schiller Park responds to semi rollover

Page 11- Engine 455 has major repairs and crack in exhaust and pump

Page 12- McDonald's owners, the Mendez Family in Schiller Park, represented by their daughter Tanya presented free meals to 1<sup>st</sup> responders



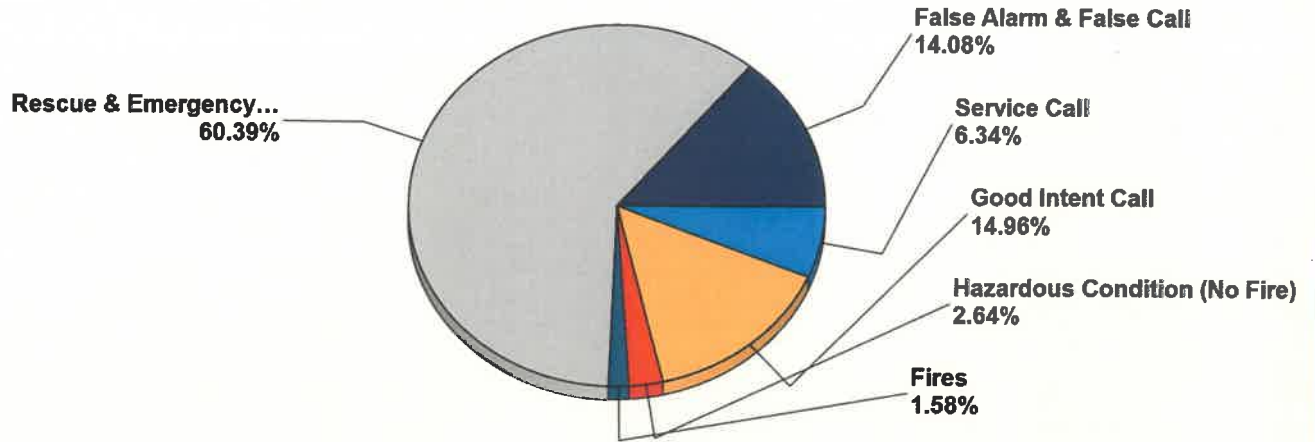






**Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range**

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2020 | End Date: 12/31/2020



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	9	1.58%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	343	60.39%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	2.64%
Service Call	36	6.34%
Good Intent Call	85	14.96%
False Alarm & False Call	80	14.08%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

