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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.

It's What We do

This month we begin on May 9th when engine 5 responded to an outside gas leak. On scene members of Gold shift found a leak in the parkway and NICOR was notified.

Gold shift on the 12th responded to an activated fire alarm in a hotel. The front desk crew informed firefighters that it was coming from a room on the 6th floor. The fire investigation team found that the refrigerator was malfunctioning and smoking. The area was ventilated after unplugging.

After shift change Black shift responded to a warehouse that was reporting a fire at the ceiling/roof. On scene Engine 5 went inside and truck 5 went to the roof with the main ladder. In the rear of the building engine 5 was directed to the area above one of the machines and firefighters pulled ceiling to locate any extension of fire.

Early in the evening a fire in Westchester had a Chief due on the Box Alarm level. B/C Budnik responded and soon Command requested fire investigators. P.O. Stoffel from the Schiller Park Police Department was the investigator called to the scene.

Two days later a fire in Park Ridge had Red shift respond for the basement fire. Truck 5 and battalion 5 both

responded to assist.

May 16th had Red shift respond to the Toll way for a car fire. On scene members found a car with fire in the motor compartment. 250 gallons of water extinguished the fire. The owner stated she noticed smoke under the hood and pulled over and called 9-1-1.

Gold shift assisted Berkeley Fire department on May 17th when multiple car fires had Berkeley engaged in their community. Lt. Leiser and his engine change quarters and covered their town.

Later in the evening River Grove requested a Hazardous materials Box Alarm. Chief Chiodo responded as the second due Chief. Haz mat members arrived and helped mitigate the incident.

Black shift on May 18th had a fire alarm in a condo building. On scene Black shift found construction going and drywall being cut in one of the units tripping the fire alarm.

A transformer that popped on May 24th had Black shift take in the call. A resident saw black smoke coming from the COMED substation behind her house and her power was out. COMED was called to the scene and no fire found.

A activated fire alarm on May 25th had Red shift go to one of our hotels. The alarm panel read 4th floor and the Fire Investigative Team (FIT) ascended the stairs and found no issue.

A car fire on the toll way on May 26th had Gold shift respond. A fire in the engine compartment was ablaze and Engine 5 pulled a 1 ¾ inch line. Engine 6 also set up water supply and 375 gallons of water were used. While driving the driver saw smoke and pulled over where he then saw flames and called 9-1-1.

A daycare center had a fire alarm on May 26th that was vacant. Crews entered and found a broken pull station. It was temporarily secured and the owner notified.

May 27th found a gas leak for Black shift. At the scene of the incident

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members found a construction crew digging a hole for a new water main. They hit a natural gas line and called the fire department and NICOR. Fire personnel were able to cap the line temporarily while awaiting a NICOR crew.

Black shift was then requested on the toll way for a rollover. On scene firefighters found a streetsweeper on its side and another small cargo truck with heavy damage. Paramedics helped remove one driver and transported to a level II trauma center.

A Pin In Response was requested on May 29th when MCD received info about this crash at the intersection. Leyden and Rosemont both responded and both Schiller park and Rosemont ambulances transported.

A car fire on the toll way May 30th had Black shift respond. Engine 5 found a car on the shoulder on fire and dropped "cotton". The 1 ¾ inch line used 500 gallons of water while truck 5 blocked and created the safety zone. While driving another driver pulled alongside and said his car was smoking then pulled over.

Black shift then responded to uncontrolled open burn pit fire. Engine 5 found a gas can in the driveway burning and the owner trying to put out with a garden hose. The fire pit was also smoldering. A portable extinguisher from Engine 5 put out the gas can and the pit.

June began with Gold shift on the 1st having our on-duty Haz Tech respond to Norwood Park for a Hazardous materials Box Alarm. We assisted with identification, monitoring and sampling so the incident could be mitigated.

June 2nd saw a caller report a kitchen fire that the neighbor was trying to put out. Black shift arrived and heard detectors going off and evacuation in progress. The tenant told firefighters that oil in a pan started on fire. He grabbed a fire extinguisher from the hallway to try to put it out. Truck 5 used exhaust fans to air out the unit and common areas. The fire was contained to the kitchen.

Red Shift responded to a structure fire in park Ridge on June 3rd. On scene Truck 5 was assigned to check for extension on the first floor and assist crews in the basement. Ventilation was provided to the first floor.

The next day June 4th, Gold shift responded to the toll way for the vehicle on its roof. Members arrived and stabilized the vehicle and assessed the driver who refused treatment.

A dryer fire on June 5th had Black shift meet the tenants at the back door where they informed the fire department that the dryer overheated and started to smoke. The tenants sprayed water from the sink. The tenants stated the dryer hasn't worked well for weeks and today it was making noise and smelled. The power was shut off and the owner notified.

Next up Black shift was toned out to the toll way for a rollover. On scene a cement truck was on its side (see photos). The driver self extricated and the Pin In response was cancelled. Ambulance 5 transported to Lutheran General. Schiller park has responded to this ramp a few times for rollovers in the last month.

Another call to the toll way on June 8th had Black shift take in a vehicle fire. A pre-connect line was dropped and the 1 ¾ inch line went to work using 500 gallons of water. The occupant pulled over after seeing smoke from under the hood.

June 9th saw our on duty Haz mat tech respond to Hillside for a hazardous materials Box alarm. We assisted the team with mitigation.

While at the previous call wires down was the next call for Black shift. Arriving companies found a tree had fallen onto power lines and broke a transformer. Area was secured and COMED called to the scene.

A structure fire in Berkeley originally had Engine 5 change quarters on June 9th. While en-route Engine 5 was re-directed to the scene and given the task of pulling down the exterior of the building looking for extension.

Two days later June 11th, Black shift took in a grass fire on the toll way. They found two fire burning about 100 feet apart. Engine 5 took in one fire and Engine 6 took in the other using a total of about 600 gallons of water.

A month of rollovers continued June 12th with a semi rolled over and leaving a shipment of plywood strewn across the toll way (see pictures). The driver was able to crawl out of the truck prior to our arrival. Fuel was leaking and booms and oil dry was deployed. Members were able to plug the hole in the fuel tank while the driver was transported to Lutheran General.

A child was stuck in a swing on June 13th requiring a fire department response. Engine 5 led by FF/PM Santiago was able to free the child and a refusal to go to the hospital obtained from the parent.

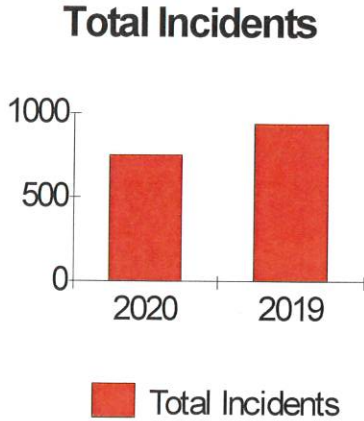
June 15th had Black shift respond to the toll way for a minivan that crashed into the concrete wall. One person was removed and assessed by paramedics.

Red shift responded to a small brush fire due to mulch in a garden bed. A "pump can" was used to extinguish.

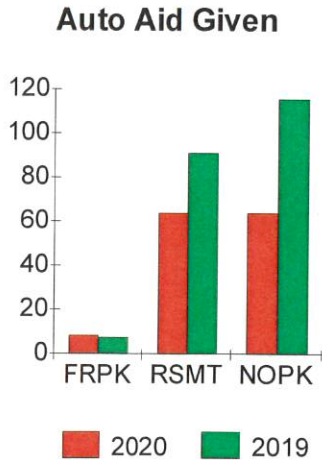
The last call for the reporting fire was another brush fire. Engine 6 used approximately 250 gallons of water to saturate the area and put out any hot spots. The Thermal camera was also used.



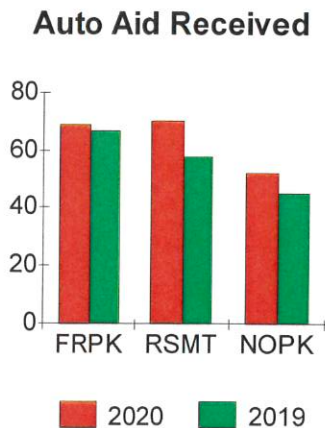
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2019:



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



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



	2020	2019
Total Incidents	592	731

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	6	5
Norwood Park (NOPK)	53	93
Rosemont (RSMT)	53	72

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	56	56
Norwood Park (NOPK)	40	35
Rosemont (RSMT)	53	47

Our congratulations also go out to Deputy Chjef Dravo (BERK) who is retiring after 30 years in Berkeley. Mike also completed 30 years in Maywood retiring as a Captain, spent 30 years teaching at Triton College where he was the Fire Science Coordinator, and as a fire inspector in Bellwood. We hope he can finally retire and enjoy.

Deputy Superintendent Kevin Kukula (RSMT) retired this past month from the Rosemont Public Safety after 25 years of service.

Chief Jim Adams (WECH) from Westchester retired and has taken the job of Chief in Brookfield.

FF Stephen "Swede" Ericksen (WECH) retired from the Westchester Fire department after 42 years of dedicated service.

Because of the corona virus all celebrations are on hold.

On a sad note, on condolences to the Stephens family from Rosemont and especially Superintendent Don Stephens III on the loss of their matriarch Pat Stephens who passed away May 15th. Chief Chiodo represented our department in the procession (no wake due to corona virus).

I appreciate all the cleaning and disinfecting that the members have done continuously throughout the day. We have been very fortunate as no members have been stricken or quarantined as a result of covid-19. We have transported multiple patients who tested positive or thought they had exposures and all our training and PPE has paid off.

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.

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

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails



As we begin to enter into the next phase with covid-19, the village has slowly begun to get back to "normal" with the Village hall re-opening. You will note throughout the Village protections in place including screens (plexiglass) in main office areas. We are grateful to Leyden High School for producing through 3-D printers PPE for our personnel (see photo), the Dollar Store for donating 10 boxes of masks, and Central Infusion for donating 2,000 masks. The Village has also purchased a supply that can be used by all Village departments that will be kept in the breezeway.

We would like to congratulate FF/PM Cwynar who completed his probationary period on June 3rd. Only 29 more years to go until retirement or 10585 days or 3,529 shifts.

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.

Engine 6 (453) had its 6 batteries replaced this past month. It has also returned to the "shops" as the piping from the front suction rotted out and needs to be replaced. It is a special order and we hope that these repairs can get us through the next several months while we await our new engine.

Battalion 5 had a tire repaired by Tony and is back in service.

As custodians for the 2 Division 20 light towers and Gator, we had them serviced by Certified Fleet this past month. A number of items were repaired, fixed, replaced and all three units are back in service at our firehouse on 25th. All work was paid by Division 20.

It was noted during a maintenance check that our rabbit tool was not

working. A work order is in place.

SCBA 13 was found with a broken piece. SCBA tech FF/PM Velasco ordered the part from MSA (no charge) and was able to make the repair.

Rob was also able to fix and repair the FLIR (thermal imaging camera) with parts from the manufacture with no cost to the Village.

A water main was replaced by Public Works and a contract on Berteau. 140 feet was replaced after several breaks and up to 3 sleeves at one spot. We appreciate all the work Public Works does to keep our mains and hydrants in service.

We have also converted our alerting system and notification system from eDispatch to Active 911. While the new system does not have audio it has other more useful features at half the cost. It is also being used by several other departments in the area.

The Village is changing garbage haulers. Effective August 1, 2020 Flood Brothers will be the hauler. All residents are being notified and notices are also up in the firehouse for our trash disposal and recycling.

The Village has replaced the firehouse copier. The new one has all the features as our previous one and some added.

The Village Emergency generator behind the firehouse was also serviced this past month.

Lastly, we continue, to do hydrant flushing per the Public Works department.

We also placed on our rigs Gross Decon buckets and equipment per NFPA 1851. (see photo)

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Mechanical things break down and so it was with Ambulance 6 (463). The rear air conditioning went out and this was something that Tony could not repair. It had to go to the service center and the only one in Illinois for the rear A/C is in Sterling, IL. After driving there and having it repaired, it was on its way back when it broke down causing a tow and a repair for a recall (no charge for repair but a \$850 tow bill). It is now back in service.

The re-useable pulse ox on ambulance 5 was replaced this past month.

The PEDs pads for the AED on battalion 5 were also replaced.

Lt. Swiontek continue to monitor our supplies of PPE including N-95 masks, surgical masks, safety glasses and gowns. It is expected that a second wave of corona virus may hit in the Fall.

Fallouts from the budget cuts and reduction in revenues have hit our medical partners. Dawn from Loyola Medical center is on temporary furlough and the Mobile Stroke Unit has been de-commissioned as the benefactor pulled funding during the pandemic.

Loyola also has changed it policy with sharps containers. Please review the new procedure for containers and sharps.

We are assessing the EMT and paramedic ride program to see if we will participate this Fall or keep on hiatus. Triton has also asked us to consider taking on a Fire Science student as an intern. This too is under consideration.

We have also been advised after replacing the V-Mux in the ambulance at no cost, that the proper way to clean the screen is by NOT spraying the screen but rather by using disinfecting wipes if possible.

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.

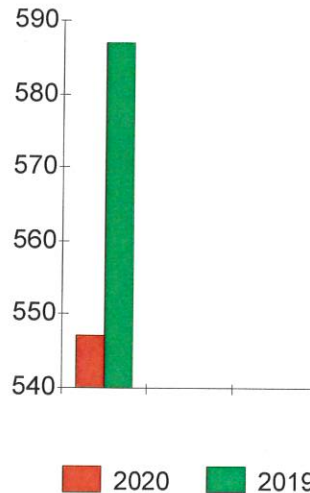
When exchanging/retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check/verify the dosages. With different manufacturers & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.



During the past month personnel responded to 109 emergency calls. A total of 101 patients were encountered. 66 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	109	537
ALS Transports	39	193
BLS Transports	27	138
Refusals/MPR's	19	108
Other Non-Transports	6	20
Fire Responses	18	88
CPR Students taught	0	10
Car Seats Installed	0	0
Mut. Aid to SHPK	7	31
SHPK to others	1	13

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

May Trivia

What contribution did Alfred Loomis make to the fire service?

Answer: He invented the pressurized fire extinguisher.

Only one correct answer was received by Chief Richard Belmonte (ret. Westchester FD).

June Trivia

Where is the "Pillar of Fire" located?

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.

We will be utilizing Target Solutions more and more as it allows for better tracking and for assigning materials, training, announcements and more. Lt. Niemand has added the Generals Orders, Standard Operating Guidelines, Fire department Rules and regulations, Fire and Police Rules and the VOSP Operation plan. This will be readily assessable to all through the internet.

In house training has continued in our own firehouse with skill reviews and practice throughout the month.

We are also working with Franklin park as they are coordinating for the Division many of the free training classes through the Cornerstone Program (Office of the Illinois State Fire marshal) and taught by the Fire Service Institute out of the University of Illinois.

We also had the opportunity this part month of having the Sprinkler Trailer here in Schiller Park where we were able to do live training with sprinklers and sprinkler heads.

Lt. Niemand also scheduled the hands on auto extrication for the shifts practicing techniques used in VMO and with all our hydraulic tools (see photos).

Lt. Niemand is scheduling FSVO and other classes that are a condition of employment in the next few months provided it is safe and the covid -19 restrictions are lifted or modified.

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

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.

Members completed 547 hours of training for the month with 55 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	55	547	184	1352
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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 Lt./PM Greg Swiontek (43).



Lt. Swiontek was hired February 13, 2002. Previously he worked in the private sector as a paramedic. Greg is married with three children.

He was promoted to Lieutenant and assumed the role of Emergency Medical Services Coordinator (EMSC). Greg holds several Office of the State Fire Marshal certifications including Basic and Advanced Firefighter, Haz Mat Technician, Fire Engineer, Fire Investigator, FSVO, Vehicle Machinery Operations Company Officer ALS, Pre-Hospital provider, Peds and several other EMS certifications. He holds NIMS certifications 100, 200, 700, 800.

Lt. Swiontek also helped design the new Ambulance 5 and chaired the Committee. He is the senior lieutenant and mentors his shift. Lt. Swiontek has been in charge of evaluating the

probationary candidates on his shift. Lt. Swiontek is also the Secretary for the Firefighters Pension Fund and the Acting battalion Chief on Black shift.

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 who had been on hold of the daily business fire prevention inspections due to the corona virus began conducting them again. We will try to catch up if possible and are implementing a self reporting for the smaller "ma and pa" businesses.

We are developing a Self Reporting system for smaller businesses to help facilitate the inspection process once we are able to go out again. We have lost a quarter of the year in doing inspections and re-inspections. We will offer to some businesses the ability to self report and submit documentation both written and with pictures.

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.

Jimmy "Z" Ziebka contacted us to let us know that recent surgery went well for him. He still is recovering from his shoulder injury and hopes to visit the firehouse in the near future. Anyone wanting to reach or contact Jimmy should call the firehouse.

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:

Our first comes from Mrs. Maltese who wanted to thank the Fire Department for being on the front line. She said to stay safe and stay healthy.

The principal of West Leyden sent a note thanking us for our participation in the virtual graduation for the Class of 2020.

Our last note is from the Gorzynski's expressing their appreciation to the fire department for the dedication and service. They also made a significant donation to the Firefighter's Association.

Foreign Fire 2%

The Foreign Fire Insurance approved the following- new kitchen faucet, new BBQ grill cover, new file box for foreign

fire insurance, dip belt, 3 fans, food processor, internet equipment, replacement indoor bike, rogue equipment and a storage rack.

Pension News

Pension meeting dates for 2020 meetings. These include August 20 and November 19th all at 10:00 AM. The May meeting was moved to June 17th. A review of current laws, continuing education, assets was discussed.

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...

Set your sights high, the higher the better.

Deadlines

The Booster Line is published monthly. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to Booster Line: pchiado@schillerparkil.us.

Page 8- East Leyden uses 3-D printers to make PPE

Page 9- Rollover semi with plywood on I-294, Cement truck rolls over on I-294

Page 10- Cement truck rollover (con'td) on I-294, extrication training with struts and sprinkler training.

Members have virtual graduation at West Leyden and say final farewell to St. maria Goretti as it closes up and the final graduation class is recognized.

Page 11- Sprinkler training, car fire on I-294 and farewell to St. Maria Goretti.

Page 12- Rollover and crash on I-294

Photos courtesy of B/C Budnik and B/C Cesaretti





