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Our Mission Statement-

We, the Members of the Schiller park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services.

Our current reporting period covers the activities that Schiller Park responded to in the last month. The following incidents are the firefighters and paramedics more unique calls. As always Schiller Park members responded to any call for help.

This month we begin on June 15th when a car hit the median concrete wall on the tollway. Black shift responded and treated the patient.

After returning to quarters, Black shift was toned out for wires down. On scene Engine 5 found a truck had ripped down wires in an alley causing them to break away from the pole and laying on the ground and across a garage. The area was secured and Com Ed called.

Red shift on the 18th was dispatched to a small brush fire. At the reported location Engine 5 found a mulch bed smoldering. A water extinguisher was used to cool the hot spots.

The heat was not all dissipated and a few hours later we were called back to the scene and this time used 250 gallons to spray the entire mulch bed.

Red shift then took in a call for a transformer on fire. The transformer was leaking oil and a burn pattern was seen on the unit. Com Ed was called to the scene.

Black shift was called to the scene of an incident June 20th when an unusual situation was encountered. A person in custody had vomited in the rear seat of a car and police requested a "wash down" of the rear seat.

June 21st saw Red shift respond to a structure fire in a single family home.

A Full Still was requested enroute by B/C Cesaretti and fire was seen blowing out the rear kitchen windows on arrival. Members dropped the skid load and led out with two 1 ¾ inch lines. The hose was advanced through the front doors to push the fire out the rear of the house. The house was unoccupied at the time. The fire was contained to the kitchen and dining areas of the house but there was also significant smoke damage. Fire Investigators from Division 20 were called to assist Schiller Park investigators. The cause is under investigation. (see photos)

The next day on the 23rd, a carbon monoxide detector going off had members arrive to monitor the levels. Schiller park monitors registered 44 ppm in the apartment. The tenant had been cooking and using the stove. The apartment was checked with two detectors and the cause pinned down to the stove. The tenant was told to have the unit serviced.

A blown transformer and wires down on June 26th had Black shift respond to the area. Firefighters found limbs down on wires as a result of a storm that had blown through the area. Com Ed was notified that the pole was also leaning at the location.

Rushing to the next call from the storm, an automatic fire alarm, Black shift found after entering the building that there was a partial roof collapse. This also caused the sprinkler system to have the piping broken and a major water flow. Firefighters shut down the risers to the sprinkler system and both the owner of the property and our Building Official were notified.

June 27th saw another response by Red shift to vegetation smoldering. This spontaneous heating of yard waste causes a heat build up and smoke. Engine 5 put this pile of grass and branches out.

A gas odor on the 28th had Gold shift respond. A reading of 4 was determined in the area and NICOR called to the scene for further evaluation.

Gold shifts next call on the 28th was for

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an accident involving a bicyclist. The person on the bike was hit by a car and after medical treatment the bicyclist was transported to resurrection.

Lt. Swiontek and Black shift later in the shift then took in a dumpster fire that began to impinge on a garage and fence. Engine 5 dropped a hose line to put out the garbage carts.

Our next fire on the 29th was a television set that caught fire in a church. When the T.V. was turned ON, it didn't work so as they check the power cord it began to spark and caught fire. They used an ABC fire extinguisher to spray the area. Firefighters checked and found the power block charred and no extension to the surrounding area. The TIC camera was used to ensure no hot spots existed.

July 1st had Schiller Park respond to the toll way for a semi-truck on fire. On scene a fully involved tractor had Engine 5 drop 100 feet of hose and use 500 gallons of water from the booster tank, Rosemont arrived with their engine and used 100 gallons of their water to put the fire out.

A second fire on the toll way on the 1st had Black shift again respond. This time it was a small fire in the engine compartment of a car. 50 feet of hose and 50 gallons of water took care of this incident.

Black shift on the 2nd had an automatic fire alarm. Checking the alarm panel, it indicated it was on the second floor. The fire investigative team found a smoke detector activated in the kitchen due to cooking.

A carbon monoxide detector activation on July 3rd had members find elevated levels of 28 ppm near the hot water heater. The house was ventilated, the gas line shut OFF and the homeowner advised to call a service person.

A reported dumpster fire on the 4th had Gold shift find a commercial dumpster on fire. Engine 5 led out with a 1 ¾ inch line and put out the fire with 250 gallons of water.

Later in the day after shift change, Black shift received a call of a

dumpster fire. While responding, dispatch notified Battalion 5 that now the building was going also. Arriving members found a fully involved dumpster impinging on the building loading dock. Workers stated that fireworks were going off in the area earlier in the evening. Engine 5 "tagged" a hydrant after dropping the skid. Truck 5 entered the building looking for extension while Truck 2 went to the roof. The fire was brought under control and the extension was to the weather proofing on the dock doors. Because of the large warehouse space and smokey conditions, Chicago's mobile ventilation unit (Large fan mounts on a truck) was brought in to clear the smoke.

July 10th saw another CO alarm and upon entry into the building the meters registered 32 ppm. Near the kitchen stove the levels rose to 52 ppm. No one was feeling ill and the owner was told not to use stove and call a technician.

A well-being check on July 10th was to assist the police. Firefighters and paramedics made a forced entry through a bedroom window. Members then assisted the ambulance before transporting to the hospital.

July 12th had a concerned resident request the fire department for a bonfire that was too close to a garage. The residents apologized and extinguished the fire with a garden hose.

Gold shift on the 13th had a motor vehicle accident involving a car vs. a motorcycle. The motorcycle dropped his bike when he was cut off and was treated and transported.

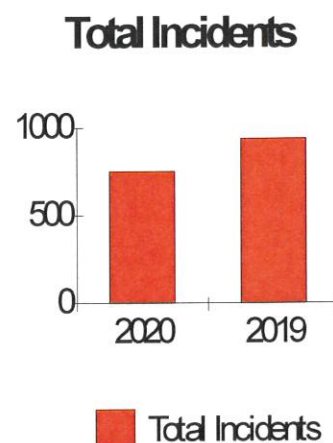
A vehicle fire on the 14th had members find smoldering insulation under the floor of the vehicle. A water extinguisher put it out.

Our last call for the reporting period was on the 15th for smoke in the building. On scene our PD stated that maintenance heard the smoke detector in one of the units. After entering the unit burnt food was found. The unit was then ventilated and

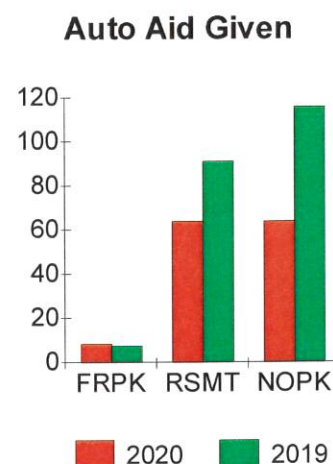
turned back over to maintenance.



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

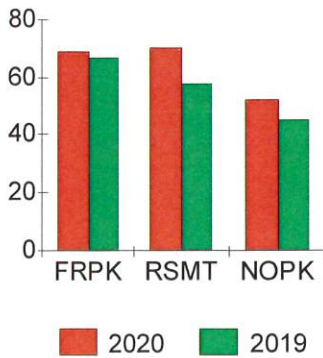


The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "From":

Auto Aid Received



	2020	2019
Total Incidents	954	1,104

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	9	9
Norwood Park (NOPK)	86	138
Rosemont (RSMT)	71	107

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	79	86
Norwood Park (NOPK)	60	61
Rosemont (RSMT)	78	76

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails



Our congratulations to the new fire chief in Westchester Mike Mavrogeorge. Mike Comes to their department after serving in fire

departments near St. Louis and Oak Lawn. Mike is an active member with the Illinois Fire Chiefs. Good Luck!

B/C Budnik injured himself in an off duty accident. He hopes to be released and back to work by the end of July.

Our Schiller Park Library Director Tina Setzer has announced her retirement for the Spring of 2021. She will be missed and has been a friend personally and to the fire department. She has been a wonderful asset to the Village over the 30 plus years of working here. She will be missed.

The NFPA came out with its annual Line of Duty Death (LODD) stats for 2019. The numbers are encouraging as we had the lowest level in several years with 28 deaths.

The Firefighter's Association honored FF/PM Miletta on July 10th as the Departments 2019 Firefighter of the Year. Originally the ceremony and celebration was to be held in March but the Covid-19 pandemic forced it to be cancelled. Our congratulations to Mike. (see photos).

With Lt. Niemand moving to the Training Bureau, I am appointing Lt. Leiser to take over as the FOIA Officer and Liaison to the Village FOIA Officer. All requests must go through the Fire Chief and FOIA Officer for redactions.

Because of Covid-19, our Mental health Professional has not been seeing anyone in the office. We have had to re-schedule several times and it now appears that their office will be open in August. I will wait until that is confirmed before making the appointments a third time.

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.



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.

We finally got Engine 6 (453) back from the shops. The waterway and piping under the rig had rotted out and needed to be replaced. It was obviously a special order that took over two weeks to come in and replace. Engine 6 is now back in service.

Tony also was able to repair the roll up door on Engine 5 (455). The spring on the roll up barrel broke and the door could not be opened completely.

Tony then completed the preventive maintenance on Battalion 5 including fixing a rim seal, oil change, rotation of tires and fixing the 2 front stabilizing links.

Members have re-organized and re-arranged the compartments on Truck 5 so that it is more user friendly. Note that some equipment has been moved

around to different compartments.

The para tech strut that was damaged in training was also repaired with a replacement strap and is back in service.

All our APX radios were re-programmed and encrypted on the police side for security reasons. This will prevent scanners from monitoring our police frequencies.

Our Public Works Department built into the Grace re-surface and water project new fire hydrants from Lawrence Court to Irving. The 1960 era hydrants were replaced and some relocated with 2020 Waterous hydrants. This will affect almost 20 hydrants that were upgraded.

The Broadview Fire Department has taken out of service their heavy rescue Squad 7. This vehicle was deemed surplus and recently sold. The Equipment was relocated to their other vehicles and the TRS equipment moved to other TRS vehicles responding.

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.

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...

Our UV Light for disinfecting arrived this past month and we have been actively using it. The UV lights disinfects several different viruses including Covid-19. We have used it in our vehicles and in the offices in the

firehouse. FF/PM Leao is taking the lead in weekly rotating through the firehouse and vehicles its use.

We have created two new SOG's under EMS and Safety. SOG 300.06 pertains to the use of the UV disinfecting light and SOG 700.13 to Patient Movement and transfer.

We had Tony replace the VMUX and were given the procedures for proper cleaning. Any cleaning /disinfecting solution should be sprayed ON A TOWEL and not on any of the screens or electronic components and then wipe down the screen.

Ambulance 5 and Ambulance 6 both went to the Safety lane for inspection. Both PASSED and are good for another six months.

Tony also replaced the rear tires on Ambulance 6 that would not pass inspection.

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.

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.

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

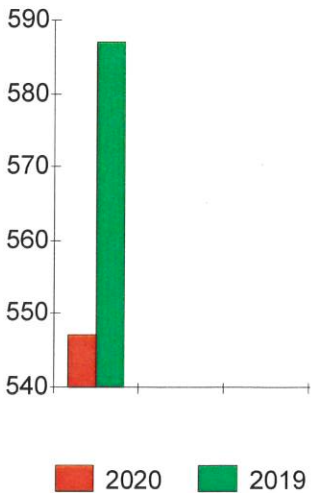
dosages. With different manufacturers & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.



During the past month personnel responded to 127 emergency calls. A total of 110 patients were encountered. 80 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	127	664
ALS Transports	45	238
BLS Transports	35	173
Refusals/MPR's	22	130
Other Non-Transports	5	25
Fire Responses	20	108
CPR Students taught	0	10
Car Seats Installed	0	0
Mut. Aid to SHPK	8	39
SHPK to others	0	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
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

June Trivia

Where is the "Pillar of Fire" located?

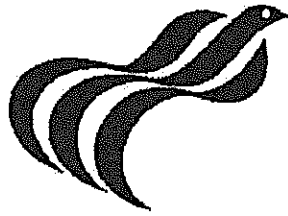
Answer: Egon Weiner, a Chicago sculptor and professor at the Art Institute of Chicago, was commissioned to create the 33 foot tall abstract bronze sculpture "Pillar of Fire" for the grounds of the Robert J.

Quinn Fire Academy to mark the historic event location of the Great Chicago Fire. The academy opened in 1961.

July Trivia

In many cases, such as the burning of organic material, for example wood, or the incomplete combustion of gas, incandescent solid particles, called soot, produce 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.

This past month members had the opportunity to do live training in a number of areas. Lt. Niemand was able to secure, free of charge, the Illinois Sprinkler association trailer to practice sprinkler head replacement and operations of sprinkler systems.

With the help of Windy City Towing, several junk cars were brought to the firehouse for members to practice extrication using both hydraulic and manual tools.

Members also worked on high rise firefighting skills with our high-rise hose pack.

All members completed the Illinois State mandatory sexual harassment training.

Members were also afforded the opportunity to do a walk through a new

residential construction project witnessing the newer construction methods and materials.

FF/PM Bertoncini completed his Vehicle Machinery Operation skills and awaits taking the State exam.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Dehmlow who was recently certified as a deployment state-wide Haz Mat team member.

As a result of one of our working house fires, Lt. Niemand has devised a new post-Incident Analysis form.

We will be participating in the near future in several OSFM Cornerstone programs including Origin and Cause and Traffic management.

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	91	638	275	1961
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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 FF/PM Brian Rupsis (45).



FF/PM Rupsis was hired on 12-1-02. During his career he has completed Firefighter II and III, Haz Mat Awareness and Operations, went to school and completed Fire Investigator, holds several NIMS certifications and became a certified physical fitness instructor.

Brian works with all the members in maintaining fitness and has chaired the Firefighter Fitness Challenge for the last several years. Brian regularly works both on and off shift with firefighter fitness of both our members and other fire department members.

As the "Barn Boss" on Red shift he mentors and trains younger members. In the absence of an Acting Officer, Brian fills the role.

Brian is married with 2 children and one of his best friends, I'm impressed, is a Super Bowl Champion with the new England Patriots.



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 resumed fire prevention inspections and are trying to catch up after being on hiatus due to the corona virus.

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.

The Village has received judgements in adjudication hearings for fire code violations totaling over \$1,000. If not paid the business will have business license revoked and the matter turned over to legal for possible liens.

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 are in the process of evaluating the 9/11 Patriot Day memorial, Car Show participation, Pierogi Fest, and Fire Prevention Week.

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:

A thank you from the son of a resident who bought lunch for Gold Shift from maria's as a thank you for the treatment of his mom and the transport to the hospital.

We also received a thank you from another resident, former mayor Piltaver, who wanted to thank the fire department who took care of her recently on an ambulance call. She was very grateful for the treatment, care and compassion shown her and her family. She is very proud to be a part of the Village where we have such a highly trained, professional department.

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: pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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Page 8- The Gross Decon Buckets and location on each vehicle.

Page 9- Members practice search and rescue drills with new training "dummy". Member also practice RIT training evolutions of a downed firefighter using our RIT pack.

Page 10- Time marches on....

Top Photo FF/EMT Chiodo and his wife Tammy in 1992 at the Elmwood Park 4th of July Parade with Engine 453 (1972 Pirsch).

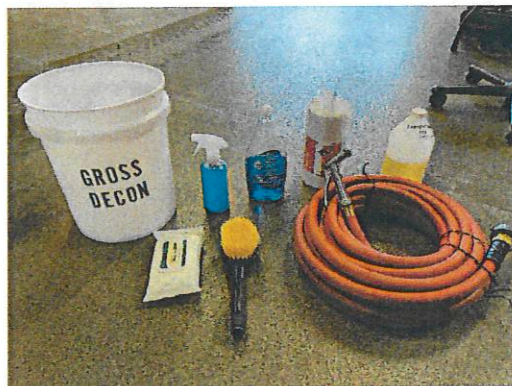
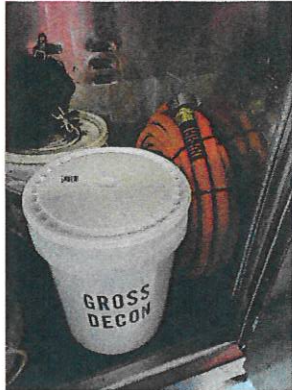
Bottom Photo- Chief Chiodo and his wife Tammy in 2020 at the Elmwood Park 4th of July Parade with Engine 453 (2003 Pierce).



Gross Decon bucket in Truck 5 in rear driver cabinet

Contents:

- 50 feet of hose with adapter and nozzle
- Dawn soap and PPE concentrate soap
- Sprayer with Dawn soap
- Brush
- Disposable plastic gear bags

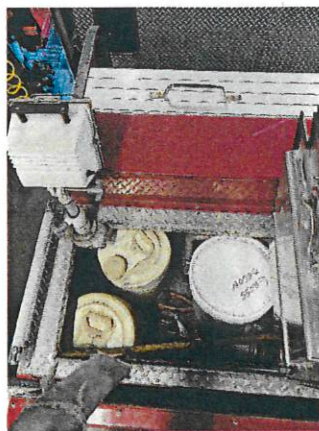


Gross Decon buckets in 453 and 455 located on top of the vehicles

Contents:

- 50 feet of retractable hose with nozzle and adapter
- Baby wipes
- Brush
- Dawn soap with sprayer
- Disposable plastic gear bags

453



455



