

BOOSTER LINE

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“911, What’s your Emergency?”

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.

Our reporting period covers from mid December to mid January. Several usual and unusual calls and incidents occurred as detailed below.

We begin on December 12th where Gold shift responded to an accident with injuries. En-route dispatch notified Cmdr. Chiodo that he was starting a Pin-In response as multiple calls came in for entrapment. On scene a car had missed the turn from the Balmoral exit to Mannheim and flipped over with the driver inside. Chicago and Rosemont also responded and the person was extricated from the vehicle and transported.

A family hosting a party at the Recreation Center on December 14th burnt food causing a fire alarm to be activated and a response from Red shift.

December 15th saw a fire alarm in an apartment complex. On scene members were met by a tenant who stated that her son activated the pull box. Franklin Park was released to take in the next Schiller Park call.

During one of the first snow storms of the year, Gold shift took in a call for a person hit by a car December 15th. Because they were tied up on a fire alarm, Franklin Park Truck 2 and Ambulance 2 responded. As soon as fire companies picked up they responded to assist Franklin Park.

While Black shift members were returning to quarters from a call on December 16th, they ran across a motor vehicle accident. They contacted dispatch and stayed on

scene to treat injuries.

Their next call for the ambulance was a little more involved and required that extra personnel accompany the ambulance to the hospital as a driver so that two paramedics could treat the patient in the back of the ambulance.

A four vehicle accident on the toll way on December 17th had Red shift respond. The vehicles were secured and transports made to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital.

A baking company in town set off their alarm system on December 18th during their baking process. Black shift found over baked product set off the fire alarm.

A water flow alarm on December 22nd had Black shift respond to the commercial building. Upon arrival Battalion 5 was told that a broken sprinkler head set off the water flow alarm. The system was temporarily shut down so that maintenance could make the repair.

Later Lt. Hatcher and the shift responded to downed power lines. Sgt. Scheib of the Schiller Park Police Department directed personnel to the rear of the vacant building. Here members found a down service line to the building due to a downed tree in the backyard. The area was cordoned off and Com Ed notified.

After midnight Black shift then took in a call on the toll way for an accident with injuries. After companies got on scene, they found a car and semi-trailer with moderate to severe damage. Members used a containment pool to collect the fuel from the truck which was leaking due to a rupture of the tank. Members treated and transported and the Tollway Authority then assumed control of the area.

December 23rd also saw a response to Franklin Park for the structure fire. Pulling up to the scene Lt. Budnik and his crew saw black smoke pumping

out of the building. They were ordered to the south side of the building to ventilate. They took their tools and saws and laddered the building where they cut the vent holes. They also removed mushroom vents to aid in ventilation and then cut a second vent hole in the roof.

Red shift then took in a head on collision involving two cars. Ambulance 5 took medical control and triage while the scene was secured by the engine and squad companies.

Christmas Day saw Black shift take in a fire in Norwood Park. Companies staged until released by Norwood Command.

After midnight our companies were directed to take in a call for Franklin Park when their fire companies were tied up due to a train and being rail roaded.

The year 2014 ended for Gold shift with two calls on the 30th. Their first was for a person trapped in an elevator. A male was struck at the second floor level and FF/PM Rupsis in charge of the engine and his crew used our elevator keys to open both the outer and inner door to rescue the man.

The next call came as an accident with injuries. As the engine pulled up to the scene, they found that one of the cars ended up on the front lawn after the accident. Members treated and transported the driver.

Black shift ended their end on the 31st with a water flow alarm. FF/Pm LiRosi and the engine found the manager on scene tell them that it was a broken sprinkler pipe. The system was shut down and drained so that repairs could be made. A fire watch was put in place.

Black shifts new Year started on the 1st with a call to check the well being of a resident. On scene with available information from dispatch, police and the caller, forcible entry was made.

After police and fire personnel searching the unit, no one was found.

January 2nd had the first mutual aid call for us when we responded on Gold shift to Hillside for the structure fire. On the Box Alarm Schiller Park provides the initial fire investigator who determines whether further investigators are needed.

A person stuck in the elevator on January 5th had Gold shift take the call. After lock out and tag out securing the elevator, members accessed the stuck elevator and freed two occupants.

Gold shifts next call was for a forty unit apartment building with the fire alarm going off. On scene a resident said it was on the third floor. The fire investigative team went to the fourth floor and determined that burnt food in a unit set off the buildings fire alarm.

A call for the fire department to the toll way oasis on the 6th had Lt. Swiontek and his crew find a semi trailer run over a fire hydrant when he entered the wrong parking lot and tried to get to the truck parking area. It not only sheared off the hydrant but broke the valve thus having a water geyser. The water department was called to the scene to shut off the hydrant at the buffalo box.

Shortly after returning to quarters a call was received from a snow plow driver who said water was pouring out from under an overhead door. Member arrived and found a water flow coming from under the overhead door. There was no call from our monitoring company for the water flow and no water gong going off. Member made entry to locate the source of the water and found a burst water pipe in the plumbing wall between the bathroom and the slop sink.

After shift change Black shift responded to a gas link in a commercial building. What the caller did not tell dispatch was that it was a

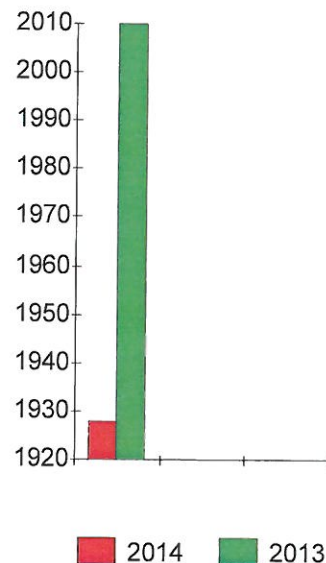
forklift that clipped the gas line. Members evacuated the building of occupants to minimize ignition sources and so that they could locate gas shut offs. NICOR was notified and a representative arrived to evaluate the situation.

Lt. Hatcher and the shift then responded to the toll way for an accident with injuries. Arriving on scene they found a one car accident on the left shoulder. The driver and his dog were quite shaken. Members treated and transported the driver and then made arrangements for the care of the dog.

The last call of the reporting period was for a working structure fire in Norwood Park. The type 5 construction building had occupants trapped on the second floor. Soon an extra alarm fire and EMS box were struck. A total of 10 persons were transported. Cmdr. Leiser took over as the Communications Officer and the Tower Ladder went to work trying to control the fire during the defensive attack. (see photos).

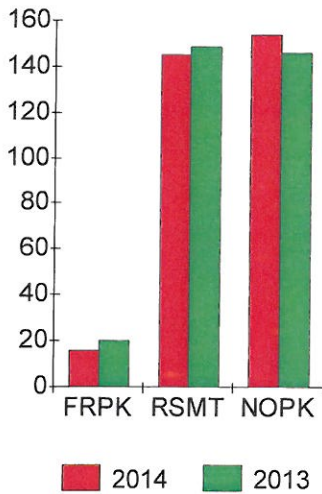
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Total Incidents



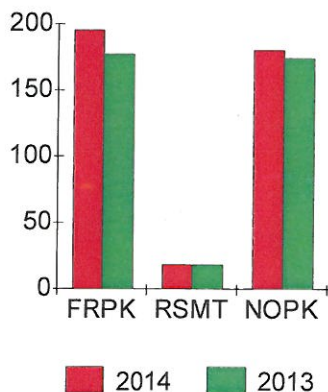
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Incidents	1928	2010

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	16	20
Norwood Park (NOPK)	154	146
Rosemont (RSMT)	145	149

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	196	178
Norwood Park (NOPK)	180	174
Rosemont (RSMT)	18	18

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

All shifts are at full staffing as our last two probationary firefighters returned from the fire academy. Director Deegan will make shift changes at the end of January to balance off shifts after several personnel left during the past year.

The Fire and Police Commission will be administering the lieutenant written exam on January 20th. It will be followed by the orals February 15th. Nine members have signed up to challenge the exam. The promotional reading list for Lieutenant is posted. The books are being kept in the Lieutenants Office. Please do not remove them from the firehouse. We ask that you fill out the check out log created by Cmdr. Cesaretti for the books.

During cleaning and maintenance in the firehouse, Black shift members found extensive mold in the walls on the west side of the firehouse. Three remediation companies were brought in to inspect and bid on the work. The entire west interior was removed from the chief's office to the bunkroom to eradicate the mold. The project first phases were complete with the removal of the walls and eradication of the mold issue. An industrial hygienist prepared a report indicating that the area was safe. Samples were taken of air and the walls. A complete report can be reviewed in Director Deegan's office.

Tuck pointers came in to work on the east walls in the firehouse where mortar has been washed out.

With the end of the Centennial Year for the Village, members can return to using the badges that were issued at their swearing in.

The fire department has also issues a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) policy. Please review it. It requires signing in to the units with dispatch in the morning.

The Lions Club of Schiller Park is sponsoring its 18th Annual Pasta Dinner on January 25th at the Community Center. Please help support the Lions and the work that they do. Among other things the Lions sponsor the annual Firefighter of the Year award.

A thanks to the Village for hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 19th on the apparatus floor.

One of the benefits that employees have is the medical reimbursement from the Village. This year the deadline for the first installment is February 27th by 5:30 P.M. Please submit EOB's to Anna Gorzkowicz or see her for further information.

Arlington Heights has added us to their Box Alarm cards for ambulances. We will now respond to a 4th alarm on the toll way (Jane Addams) with an ambulance.

Director Deegan is preparing the 2016 budget. The shifts have met to discuss ideas, wants and wishes. These will be reviewed and prioritized by the Operations Division.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has given final approval for the Elgin-O'Hare western access project. Part of the project will also be the ring road by-pass for the toll way. The project and infrastructure will start shortly.

IDOT continues the widening of Mannheim from Irving north to the

Kennedy. Work has already begun. The southbound ramp from Mannheim to Balmoral is being worked on for access to southbound I-294. The Balmoral ramp from northbound Mannheim is now opened.

We are looking at getting voluntary compliance with numbering or lettering the stairways in our multi-story buildings. This would aid residents and firefighters in identifying the fire attack and evacuation stairways.

Another project is to identify which elevators our stretchers can be fit in by placing a Star of Life on the elevator(s) that we can get our stretcher into. A blue bar under the Star of Life will indicate that the stretcher can be fully vertical in the elevator.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

A number of items have been worked on this past month.

Items worked on and happenings around the firehouse this month include:

Lt. Budnik and FF/Pm Neimand have continued to work on going paperless in the firehouse. As part of this project all the maintenance forms for daily/weekly/monthly will be placed on the iPad devices. We hope to have this up and running by our next issue.

We placed in service our new air chisel and impact gun. These were budgeted items for this year. All three shifts have been trained and Lt. Budnik will place on our rig.

This past month Tony Calefati replaced the batteries on tower ladder 5.

The containment pool that was used on the toll way for the collection of leaking fuel was replaced and is now

back on Squad 5.

Engine 5 (455) went to the shops for an oil problem where it was blowing all over and an electronic module sending error signals to shut down the motor. Cumming engine did the work and it is now back in service.

Lt. Budnik has updated all of our rig cell phones. For the most part they are all cloned.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Tony checked the batteries and shoreline on Ambulance 6 (462). Both the batteries and the shoreline checked out. Please make sure that the shoreline is plugged in. Because of the design of the ambulance after the ignition is shut off the lights remain on until they time out and this is a huge draw on the batteries. Without the trickle charge the batteries do draw down and may not have sufficient juice to turn the starter motor.

Ambulance 5 (463) returned to service after an on board suction unit was added per the Illinois Department of Public Health inspection. The ambulance now has a built in unit that is operated similar to Ambulance 6 (462).

Lt. Swiontek was also able to repair the shaver/razor assigned to Ambulance 6 (462). During your weekly checks, everything should be inspected. If you run across a piece of equipment that is defective or needs repair please advise.

Lt. Swiontek has updated the controlled substance log. Please make sure that the full time shift going off duty signs the drug logs.

Ambulance 6 (462) had new tires and new batteries installed.

Whenever you transport to any hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any

backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

On the horizon is the new Mobile Integrated Health Care System/Plan. If you are not familiar with it begin to explore its impact on the fire/EMS services and the expectations. This is popping up more frequently in the literature and will affect our department. If you want more information see Lt. Swiontek.

We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

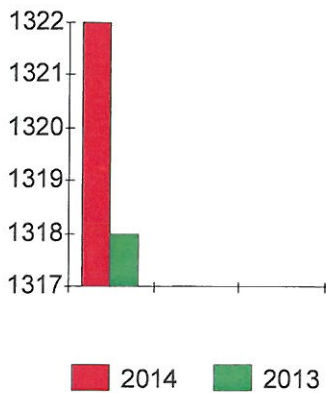
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 121 emergency calls. A total of 119 patients were encountered. 86 patients were transported to area hospitals. 60 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Responses	1322	1318
Cardiac	93	88
Medical Emergency	628	654
Accidents/Trauma	346	344
Fire Responses	240	218
False Alarm/Standby	3	14
CPR Students taught	4*	N/A*
Mut. Aid to SHPK	43	44
SHPK to others	43	54

*Starting tracking December 2014

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 run it past Director Deegan, Lt. Budnik or FF/PM Bertoncini.

As mentioned above the firehouse will have mold remediation on the west wall. The project continues. Some additional work may be performed in house including thicker insulation, more outlets and internet connections.

The tiles on the wall in the kitchen will soon be grouted. After that the kitchen will be re-painted.

We are looking at insulating the old entrance to the firehouse from the radio room to make it more sound proof.

What's in the works? –

- New lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool

-fully sprinkler the firehouse

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

December Trivia

Continuing with the Trivia that commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, What was the Box Number that was struck for the Great Chicago Fire?

Box 342 was struck for the Great Chicago Fire.

There were three correct answers— Chief Belmonte (ret. Westchester), Marc Quattrocchi/Fire Desk Supervisor (NORCOMM), and Dee Casey (Administrative Schiller Park).

January Trivia

Being that three persons were resourceful with the Great Chicago Fire trivia, here is your next challenge.

Who was the 1st Officer on scene at the Great Chicago Fire and what rig did he arrive on?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* in order 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.

Probationary Firefighters Dehmlow, Kady, Loch, and Jackson continue their probation.

An Incident Safety Officer class will be held for the division March 9-13, 2015.

A Health Safety Officer class will be held January 19-23, 2015.

FF/PM Miletta attended a Grant Writing class.

Cmdr. Chiodo and Cmdr. Leiser attended the Safety and training meeting.

Fr. Schultz attended Chaplain training in Effingham and will attend the training again in the Spring. Completion will give him certification through the Federation of Fire Chaplains. He also will be taking the NIMS 100 and 700 classes shortly. The completion of these classes will then give him 2 of the 5 requirements to be recognized by the Illinois Corps of Fire Chaplains.

We received an updated list of Haz Mat clean up contractors from the MWRD. A master copy has been placed in Engine 5 and Battalion 5.

Cmdr Leiser has received a DVD training simulator where we can use pictures of buildings in town and I will be able to set up different scenarios.

I have signed up several members for OSFM classes as part of their job requirements. If you know that you need a class please let me know, I will try to find one, however if you find one on your own please submit the paperwork and maintain a copy for yourself.

Members completed 173 hours of training for the month with 27 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 5 meetings for 28 hours.

The second Thursday of each month the State Fire Marshal has a testing site at Triton College. They have also instituted a new policy of a government issued picture ID at the test site. If you cannot produce one you will not be allowed in. Likewise they are requesting that all phones be

left in the test takers car to help with the integrity of the test (too many camera phones). If you would like to sign up see Cmdr. Leiser.

Please fill an Outside Training Form 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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge FF/PM Gergits as our Employee of the Year.

FF/PM Gergits is one of our Vehicle Machinery Operator instructors. He noted that the air chisels the department had were grossly outdated and ineffective. He lobbied for this years budget to get a replacement set. After approval by the village, he set out to get a new set. After research and pricing, he was able to get the best set including air impact tools. Members also allocated money from the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund to supplement the cost and get the tools in our hands. FF/PM Gergits then trained the three shifts in proper and effective usage and added quick reference sheets in an area of the firehouse used by all.

For your time, persistence and endeavor in trying to make our department, residents and visitors with the best possible service, we make you our Employee of the Month

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

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other

persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Cmdr. Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts completed their 2014 inspections. Each shift received 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 Fire Prevention Office now has a dedicated Fax Line for paperwork. (847) 671-8547. Please check the bin for faxes that may pertain to your inspections.

The inspections for this past year went extremely well in using the Ipads in place of the paper inspectional reports. I am glad that the transition has gone well. Please assist the new firefighters in the use and process as we continue to teach them.

As a reminder when we go on trouble alarms we need to contact the owner to report that the alarm went into trouble and document that on the incident report and in the trouble alarm binder. Midwest may also be doing this as a back up to our call.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see Lt. Hatcher. He will review what is coming into town based on what plans Community Development sends over.

Any member wishing to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association should contact Lt. Hatcher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to stortz fittings.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. Cmdr. Leiser is looking into the program if this should replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. Cmdr. Leiser will advise those needing the class when it is available.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town.

Members helped raise money for the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at Walgreens this past month.

We are also coordinating with other a fire service organizations the implementation and publicizing the "ICE" program (In Case of Emergency) for people's cell phones.

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Retiree Row

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 Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com.

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Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association participated in the salvation Army Kettle Bell ringing during December.

Stork Report

FF/PM Bubis and his wife are still expecting.

Letters and Notes

A letter was received from Chief Stephens (RSMT) thanking our members for assisting at both a Box Alarm, EMS Box and Haz Mat Box on December 7th. Our truck company assisted in the evacuation of guests from the 10th floor down at the hotel as well as Cmdr. Chiodo taking Lobby Control and Cmdr. Leiser taking the Haz Mat sector.

And Finally...

An optimist is the human personification of spring.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the Booster Line will be 8:00 A.M. February 7th. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com

The Booster Line is published monthly on or about the 15th. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability.

Photographs-

Page 7 –Probationary FF/PM Jackson and FF/PM Kady practice live firefighting during NIPSTA Academy drills in Niles, IL.

Page 8-9 Members helped set up the Winter Wonderland and Staff the Bon fire. Schiller Park Shift Calendar.

Page 10-12 Norwood Park 3 Alarm Fire and EMS Box. January 6, 2015 Cmdr. Leiser as Communications Officer and Tower Ladder 5 going to work with FF/PM LiRosi, FF/PM Miletta and FF/PM Piculas.







Schiller Park Fire Department

BLACK shift
 RED shift
 GOLD shift

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HOLIDAYS

Jan 1 New Year's Day	Apr 5 Easter Sunday	Jul 4 Independence Day	Nov 11 Veterans Day
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day	May 10 Mother's Day	Sep 7 Labor Day	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day	May 25 Memorial Day	Oct 12 Columbus Day	Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Feb 16 President's Day	Jun 21 Father's Day	Oct 31 Halloween	Dec 25 Christmas Day
			Dec 31 New Year's Eve





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