

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.

This month we begin on March 25th when Black shift responded to a call where the caller stated there was a smell of rotten eggs in the building. Because this odor can mimic certain toxins members became a little more cautious when entering. The monitors indicated that the odor was from a specific unit. After entry was made it was found that the unit was vacant and the drain traps had dried out allowing methane gas from the sewer to back up into the building. When the water was run and filled the traps, the odor ceased.

Later in the shift Battalion 5 and Squad 5 responded to a call where a truck had its brakes on fire. Dispatch notified the responding companies that the vehicle was a fuel truck prompting Cmdr. Leiser to request Franklin Park ladder 2 to fill in as Engine 5 was on a previous call. Upon arrival Battalion 5 found the rear brakes smoking. A 1 ¾ inch line was pulled to cool off the brakes. The opposite set of brakes were checked and appeared to be in working order.

March 27th next had Black shift respond to a fire alarm. On scene the alarm activation was due to a broken sprinkler head. The head broke from the overhead door that had come off the track. The sprinkler was taken out of service until repairs could be made.

Red shift took in a call for a light pole down on Mannheim near Balmoral. The wires from the pole were exposed and unfortunately it was struck by a Chicago Fire Department Squad. Our TAC stick was used to determine if the wires were still live. The area was isolated until electrical

repair crews could arrive.

Gold shift was called into action on March 30th when they were required to do extrication of a patient from a vehicle involved in a two car crash. After extrication the person was transported to a Level I Trauma facility, Loyola, for care and treatment.

The month ended for Gold shift sent its on duty fire investigator to Bellwood to assist in the fire investigation. FF/PM Bubis worked to determine the origin and cause.

Black shift wrapped up the runs for the month when Cmdr. Leiser took in a Hazardous Materials call in Maywood for a chlorine leak.

It was no April Fool’s joke when Red shift responded to a fuel spill. When Lt. Leiser and his crew arrived they found the fuel hose pulled out of the gas pump. About 2 gallons of fuel was spilled onto the ground and absorbent applied to soak up fuel. The pump was placed out of service.

April 2nd had Lt. Leiser respond to a bedroom fire in Maywood as our fire department investigator assigned to the Division 20 team. The origin was determined and the cause is under investigation.

A smell of natural gas in our police station had members on April 3rd determine it was a bad regulator. NICOR was called and replaced the regulator.

Lt. Budnik and Red shift took in a fire in the woods on April 4th. They found a small rubbish fire that was smoldering. A 2 ½ gallon water extinguisher put out the remains.

Red shift then took in a call on the 5th for a lock out to a condo unit. After police arrive to verify the occupancy entry was made.

The next call was a fire alarm in an industrial kitchen. The fire investigative team found that it was a detector covered in grease and falsely activated. The premise was advised to clean all detectors of grease build up and we would follow

up after cleaning.

Lt. Jeffrey and Gold shift took in a carbon monoxide call on April 5th. At the residence after monitoring the home, they examined the on site detector to find that it was indicating a low battery "Lb" not 97 ppm.

Their following shift on the 7th they took in another carbon monoxide call. This time they had trace readings of 20 ppm. The man who resided in the unit told the firefighters that he was using the oven for heat. He was told this is a dangerous ill advised move. The crew ventilated the area.

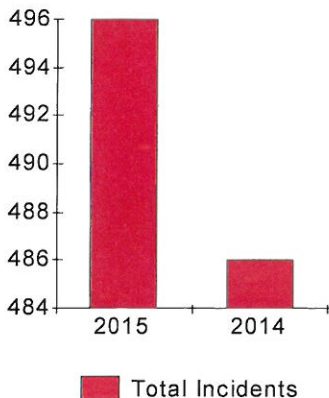
After returning to quarters, Stone Park "Boxed" their working fire and requested fire investigators. Lt. Leiser took in the call as the on duty investigator.

April 8th saw Gold shift take in a call for a woman locked out of her house. FF/PM Bertoncini and his engine company were able to gain access through an open window.

The last call for the reporting period came on April 11th when a fire alarm in a hotel was investigated. The first in companies found that the activation was due to a detector in the elevator shaft. There was no problem and the elevator was placed out of service until it could be repaired.

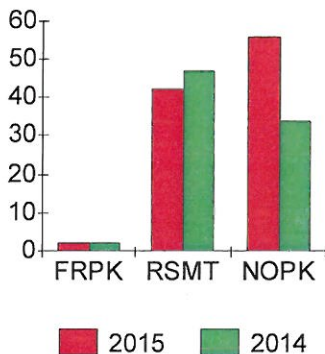
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Total Incidents



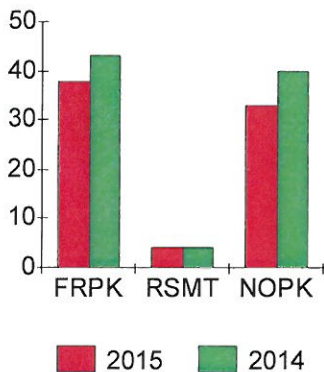
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of March 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	496	486

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	2
Norwood Park (NOPK)	56	34
Rosemont (RSMT)	42	47

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	38	43
Norwood Park (NOPK)	33	40
Rosemont (RSMT)	4	4

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Village of Schiller Park has appointed Peter Chiodo as the new Fire Chief effective March 5, 2015. He started in 1989 as a Firefighter/EMT and has been a Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Engineer, Training Officer, Haz Mat Ops, Administrative Assistant in his career. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995 and made Commander in 2005.

The Fire and Police Commission has promoted FF/Pm Leiser to Lieutenant and swore in Matt Zydlo as a firefighter/paramedic. Matt will attend the NIPSTA fire academy before returning to shift. The Commission is in the process of bringing the department back to full strength by vetting the next candidate.

Chief Chiodo has assigned Lt. Hatcher to the position of Commander to fill his vacated spot. (see photos)

With these appointments and promotions this column is being renamed from Commander's Cove to Chief's Corner until such time as a new editor, hint, hint, wants to take over.

The Foreign Fire Insurance meeting is scheduled for April 28th at 7:00 in the firehouse. Any ideas or suggestions should be submitted in writing prior to the 22nd.

The Firefighters Pension Board has one of the elected positions from the Firefighters up for election this April. The position held by FF/PM Blaine Schneider is up for election or re-election. The term is three years and requires initial education followed by continuing education. Voting will take place in the firehouse.

The 2016 budget is being prepared

and presented to the Village Board. The shifts met to discuss ideas, wants and wishes. These were 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 lanes on Mannheim have been shift to the northbound side as concrete crushing and tear up continues. They are recycling the concrete as they re-build.

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:

Tower Ladder 5 returned from the shops after preventive maintenance and ladder maintenance. It is now back in service.

An in house repair was done by Tony Calefati to the auto eject. It is now fixed.

The Alt Air four gas monitor in Battalion 5 has a battery that will no longer hold a charge. Lt. Budnik is looking at the cost of battery replacement versus monitor replacement.

Lt. Budnik had "No Smoke" come out and do maintenance and repairs on all of our diesel exhaust removal systems. Newer vehicles do not require these devices as they burn hotter and cleaner.

We received a new shipment of foam for the department. This replaces expired foam that we then use for training purposes.

Another budgeted item was for hose. We were able to purchase 6 lengths of larger diameter 4 inch supply line. This will allow us to have hose available for re-bedding.

With all our vehicles back in service we were able to have our vendor come back and install the headsets in Squad 5. All front running rigs now have this hearing protection and devices installed.

The Sensit Gold monitor on Tower Ladder 5 was sent in for repair. It returned and was not fixed properly. Lt. Budnik has contacted the manufacture to have it shipped back and repaired properly. We hope to have it back working by the next issue.

The kitchen project moves along as FF/PM Bubis completed the wall time and works with the other shifts on the patch board started from FF Hanlons (ret. dec.) collection and originally built by FF Schuyler (ret.).

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 will also be doing hydrant testing/flows using the I pads which is being integrated with the GIS mapping programs. This will give us real time usable data that we

can use immediate for emergencies and for future planning.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Tony Calefati worked on Ambulance 6 and the air dump valve. It is now working correctly.

Lt. Swiontek has ordered new oxygen take in bags. He expects them to be here shortly.

Please note that Gottlieb Memorial Hospital has a new Telemetry phone number. It is posted in the vehicles and is pre-programmed on the cell phones

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.

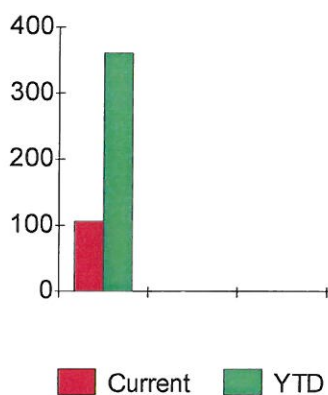
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

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 106 emergency calls. A total of 102 patients were encountered. 73 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	Current Month	Year to Date
Total Responses	106	360
ALS Transports	49	134
BLS Transports	22	78
Refusals/MPR's	21	73
Other Non Transports	4	10
Fire Responses	8	63
CPR Students taught	20	67
Mut. Aid to SHPK	0	10
SHPK to others	3	9

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 Lt. Budnik or FF/PM Bertoncini.

FF/PM Bubis and FF/PM Niemand worked on creating and updating the wireless network in the firehouse. With the upgrade we also changed the password. See amember for the new access.

FF/PM Bertoncini will install windows on the west side in the Spring.

The patch wall is nearly complete. 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

March Trivia

As we approach Telecommunicators Week April 12-18th, our question involves emergency telephone systems.

Where and when was the nations first 9-1-1 emergency telephone system inaugurated?

The first 9-1-1 emergency telephone system was inaugurated on February 16, 1968 in Haleyville, AL.

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

April Trivia

Where was the first brass fire pole (manufactured by Andrew J. Morse and Son, parent company of today's

McIntire Brass Works), go into service and when?

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 Firefighter Dehmlow came off probationary on April 7th and is now a full fledged firefighter/paramedic.

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

Probationary FF/PM Zydlo is attending the NIPSTA fire academy with an anticipated graduation date of June 12th.

Cmdr. Leiser and Chief Chiodo attended the Divisions Training and Safety Meeting.

Lt. Swiontek went to the Division 20 EMS Coordinators meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser, FF/PM Chung and FF/PM Dehmlow attended the Division 20 Haz Mat training.

The Training Committee is exploring ways of creating a Training Center at Station 6 with props.

Division 20 is again sponsoring a Vehicle Machinery Operations (extrication) class the first week of May. FF/PM Miletta will be attending and Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Leiser will be teaching. We hope to sponsor another class in the Fall. This is a requirement for all our new personnel.

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 354 hours of training for the month with 51 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 0 meetings for 0 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.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge FF/PM Miletta as our Employees of the Month.

FF/Pm Miletta has led the department as the coordinator for the next fund raising of the Schiller Park Firefighters Association. This year the Association has decided to support the fight against Pediatric Cancer. He has helped design the shirts which will be worn during June and also helped launch selling the shirts to the general public.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt or shirts. Please see any Association member.

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 have started their 2015 inspections. Each shift received 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections are 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.

Lt. Budnik, Cmdr. Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand are all working with Allisa and the Village GIS system to assist with Fire Prevention Inspections and Hydrant flows.

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 Cmdr. 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 Cmdr. 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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was April 12-18th we thank and honor those who answer the calls for help and dispatch us. Chief Chiodo bought lunch for the dispatch staff.

The Fire Department delivered the Easter Bunny to Kennedy Park for the recreation Department Easter Egg hunt April 4th.

Kennedy school will have several firefighters as chaperones to the Cubs game with the school kids. The game is May 15th.

We will also be having an End of the Year Ice Cream Social capping off EMS Week on May 22nd from 7-9 PM. If interested in helping, sign up in kitchen.

Please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

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.

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@schillerparkil.us.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association is looking to sponsor the Bear Necessities Pediatric cancer Foundation this Summer from May-September. We are selling and wearing special department t-shirts.

FF/PM Velasco has taken over the House Fund. This pays for all the common necessities that we use in the kitchen. Full time members are \$60 and part time members are \$30. Please see him with your payment.

A copy of the minutes from the February 9th meeting is posted.

Stork Report

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A thank was received from the Schiller Park Recreation Department thanking us for our help with the annual Easter Egg Hunt including Delivering the Easter Bunny.

Chief Bronaugh (Maywood) sent a thank you for our help and assistance with two incidents during the end of March.

St. Maria Goretti thanked the fire department for our donation to their Fashion Show and Silent Auction.

The winner of our donation will get lunch and a tour of the firehouse.

FF/PM Schneider and his wife sent a thank you note for the gift sent to their new baby.

Two Minutes

The Village of Schiller Park has given me the opportunity to continue moving the Fire Department forward. I would like to take a few minutes to thank everyone who has worked with me, trained with me, listened, shared and been a part of my career. I could not have gotten here without everything that has been done for me or given me. This includes past and present members. The list of individuals is very lengthy and I might miss someone so know that your are in my thoughts and heart. Know that I value you and appreciate all that you have contributed.

And Finally...

Live today, forget the past.

Deadlines

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

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.

Page 6-Members at the Easter Egg Hunt

Page 7- Chief Chiodo is sworn in and his badge pinned by his wife Tammy

Page 8-12 Cmdr. Hatcher receives his new assignment. Lt. Leiser is promoted by the Fire/Police Commission who also swear in FF/PM Zydlo.





