

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 July 14th when Gold shift responded to one of our hotels on a fire alarm. On scene the fire investigative team found that a detector in the hallway near the kitchen was activated due to steam from the kitchen.

Next on July 17th Red shift arrived on a Still Alarm for the report of smoke coming from the apartment. Upon arrival they could see and smell smoke in the hallway. Forcible entry was made into the suspected unit and papers in a pan on the stove were found smoldering and the burner in the “ON” position. Both Schiller Park Fire and Police departments investigated.

Later in the day a transformer fire on a utility pole had members respond. Com Ed was called as power was interrupted to several residents.

July 18th saw Gold shift respond to the toll way for the trailer on fire. Crews pulled up and found that it was the trucks rear brakes that locked up and were smoking. Engine 5 was able to cool down the area with approximately 50 gallons of water.

After shift change Cmdr. Leiser and the Black shift members were Stilled out for smoke coming from the building. En-route Franklin Park toned out for a fire in the vicinity. 450 pulled up on scene with smoke showing from the roof and Franklin Park 490 confirmed it was ours. Engine 5 entered the building to investigate while Tower Ladder 5 went to the roof and advanced a 1 ¾ inch line to the fire in the HVAC units and a portion of the roof. Leyden set up their “stick” to the roof and worked with Franklin Park. Norwood Parks engine backed

down and supplied a secondary source of water.

After returning to quarters the next call was for an accident with injuries. The incident required that our second ambulance and another from Franklin Park respond.

The 21st of July had a hotel fire alarm that sent Gold shift to the scene. The engine company found that burnt food on the seventh floor in a guest room was the cause of the activation.

A condominium trouble alarm on July 25th had Red shift investigate. What they found was that someone had turned the circuit breaker to the fire alarm panel “OFF”.

An accident on the toll way on the 26th had Gold shift respond to mile marker 40 where a semi and a car were involved. The car slammed into the jersey barrier and spun out.

The next alarm had members respond to a work working shop in town for a fire alarm. On scene Gold shift found that a fire extinguisher had “accidentally discharged” on its own. The contents and powder set off the alarm.

A lock out of a resident had the engine led by FF/PM Bertoncini and gold shift assist in gaining entry on the 27th.

The last call of the month had Red shift assist a woman who had locked her keys in the trunk of her car while loading groceries. Members were able to make entry into the car and access the trunk.

We took in a gasoline leak call on the 2nd with a pick up trucks gas tank dragging on the ground. Approximately 3-4 gallons was discharged onto the street. The area was neutralized and the leak stopped. The owner was advised to get a tow truck.

EMSD Nosek and PM Chan took in a mutual aid call on August 4th to Rosemont for a patient involved in a motorcycle accident.

Two days later Lt. Cesaretti and Red shift responded to a call for a person

trapped in an elevator. Person stated that they were having trouble with the elevator and after opening the doors placed it Out of Service.

A multiple vehicle accident on the 8th on I-294 had seven patients from two cars. An additional ambulance was requested while triage was being performed.

Two days later another call on the toll way required additional ambulances. FF/PM Swiontek requested the ambulance an additional resource from Franklin Park.

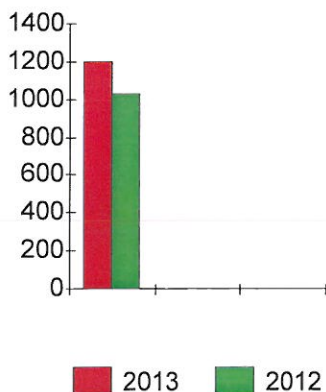
FF/PM Swiontek the on duty fire investigator was called out on the 10th to Elmwood Park for a fire in their town. He worked with other investigators to assist in determining the origin and cause.

Shortly after he went to Elmwood Park a grass fire was responded too by the rest of the shift. The area measuring 10X10 was behind a dog house and the area was extinguished with 100 gallons of water.

The last call of the reporting period had Black shift take in a dumpster fire on August 11th behind an apartment building. FF/PM LiRosi in charge of the engine had his crew use the trash line and 100 gallons of water.

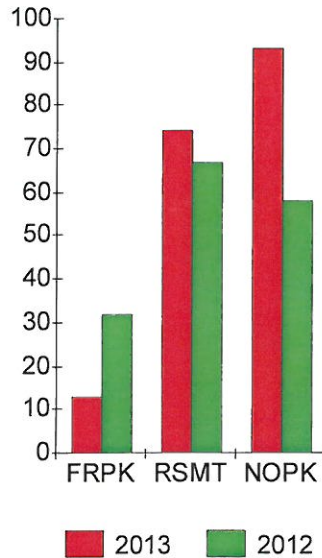
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2012:

Total Incidents



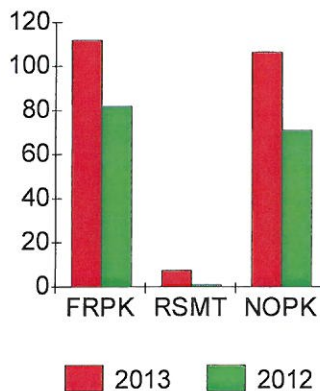
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of July 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2013	2012
Total Incidents	1203	1024

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	13	32
Norwood Park (NOPK)	93	58
Rosemont (RSMT)	74	67

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	112	82
Norwood Park (NOPK)	106	71
Rosemont (RSMT)	7	1

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Warden injured herself while in the Vehicle machinery Operations class. She cut her hand and ligament requiring surgery. She will be out eight to twelve weeks.

The Village will be having the Employee Appreciation Party on Saturday August 24th at the Village Pool. All members and their families are invited. Recreation Director Bealer promises warm water and good weather.

The Village has awarded Midwest Dispatch the contract to monitor fire and trouble alarms. Please consult all memos in then firehouse on this issue. All alarm panels were sticker with the new contact info. Our dispatch center will no longer do monitoring.

As a result of a save by members of Gold shift, (reported in last months issue), they have been nominated to receive the Department's Unit Performance Award. This will be presented to Cmdr. Leiser, Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Swiontek, FF/PM Bertoncini, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Santiago, FF/PM Warden and PM Zydlo at a Village Board meeting. (see photos).

Our congratulations to River Grove on acquiring a "new" engine. Their older ones finally gave out. The replacement engine is ex-Schaumburg Engine 4 which is a 1999 E-One.

We would like to congratulate Lt. Ladonsky and Lt. Fragakis on their

recent appointments to Commanders on the Schiller Park Police Department/

Gold shift attended the wake of Mario Eicchio the former Police Chief in Harwood Heights on August 13th.

We also would like to share with our readers that FF/PM Santiago has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves. Nick will be shipped out to San Diego in the beginning of November for 9 months of training. We appreciate the sacrifice that he is making to serve his country and every one of us. Nick is the second member of our department serving in the military. It is rumored that FF/PM Solana may be deployed again shortly. To Nick, Semper Fi.

We also have been given some direction from Rosemont on responses to their new Fashion Outlet Mall. We will enter from Foster and go right on Rose which becomes Fashion Outlet Way, holding short of Technology drive.

Hostess bakery is now back up and running producing tasty snacks. We noted that on Irving and Cumberland and along the toll way they have placed large billboard signs thanking and loving Schiller Park (see photo).

Fr. Schultz, our fire department chaplain, competed in the Racine Ironman competition. It consisted of 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and a 13.1 mile run. The proceeds went to the St. Beatrice Catholic Appeal Debt Reduction Program. (see photo).

The Village has also sold the International ambulance old 463. The Village received over \$9,000 for the used ambulance. It was picked up on July 14th (see photos). It was sold and will be shipped to Chile where it will serve a mining community. (see photo)

Lt. Budnik has provided each shift with the 2013 list of hydrants to be flowed. We will only flush them this year and NOT test flow. Please make sure that all hydrants have a 2" wide blue reflective band on the barrel and a 1" band on the steamer port. This aids in locating them in the dark.

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 infra structure will start shortly.

IDOT has approved funding for the widening of Mannheim from Irving north to the Kennedy. Work has already begun. Eventually a southbound ramp from Mannheim to Balmoral will be added for access to southbound I-294. Later this summer the Balmoral bridge over I-294 northbound will be re-built after a dump truck had its trailer unexpectedly rise and crash into the bridge doing extensive damage.

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:

Our mechanic Tony has repaired the power steering leak on tower ladder 5.

Tony then went on to do the preventative maintenance on engine 5 with Lt. Budnik helping replace a broken hose and discharge valve.

Members of black shift repaired the mount on the deck gun on Squad 5.

We also this past month added a separate air line near the water cooler on the apparatus floor to be used for filling water extinguishers. This is separate from the line that should be used for filling tires.

We also had repaired this past month the sensit-gold monitors on our apparatus. They are both up and running now.

FF/PM Bertoncini completed the annual testing of all our SCBA bottles and harnesses. He also administered the fit testing for all members of the police and fire departments.

We brought in to Air One 12 SCBA bottles for hydro-static testing.

We also replaced the rear firehouse door locking mechanism. You will now have three methods to gain access to the firehouse—Keycard, Fob, or your four digit PIN. If you need access see FF/PM Bubis.

The west wall of the apparatus floor where the overhead doors were has been taped, mudded and painted to match the rest of the apparatus floor. (see photo)

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Ambulance 461 our reserve was worked on by Tony to repair a brake line leak. A problem with the air conditioning sent it out to be repaired.

Ambulance 6 went out to NAVISTAR

for maintenance that could not be completed in house. FF/PM Santiago was also able to repair in house rear compartment doors that were inoperable.

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.

Lutheran General Hospital (LGH) has instituted a new system for inventory control system. We have obtained FOB's so that we can replace linens and supplies.

FF/PM LiRosi has taken over all of the CPR classes and instruction. He will coordinate both the private and the village sector. FF/PM Hudecek, Niemand, Bubis and PM Jenkins and Kosar are all still instructors helping out. We are averaging 3-4 classes per month with 50 plus students.

Our two Northwest Community Hospital paramedic students riding with us recently completed their training here. They were assigned to ride on Red and Gold. The preceptors for Schiller Park were PM Jenkins, FF/PM Leiser, FF/PM Bubis, FF/PM Gergits and EMSD Nosek. Good luck to these men in their future endeavors.

When doing run sheets please verify that you have the correct incident number. All incident numbers from Schiller Park dispatch are seven digits. Also to help prevent the computers from overheating, leave the lid open.

Worldwide there continues to be a shortage of certain drugs that we administer. It may be impossible to exchange certain drugs at the hospital because of the shortage. I will be coming out with an FYI to inform you of any developments.

Please remember that any unused or empty controlled substance vials must be brought into the hospitals for them to replace. If you have any

questions or concerns, please see EMSD Nosek.

Please consult the FYI's on the EMS Clipboard in the kitchen for complete info and updates.

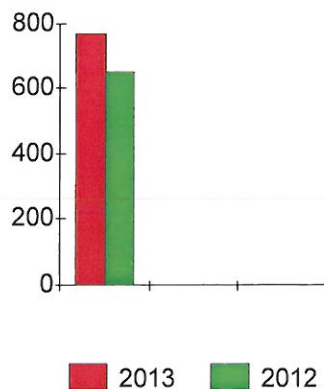
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

Please refer to the clipboard in the kitchen for any new updates in the Bureau.

During the past month personnel responded to 140 emergency calls. A total of 127 patients were encountered. 95 patients were transported to area hospitals. 63 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Responses	767	650
Cardiac	44	48
Medical Emergency	391	353
Accidents/Trauma	194	152
Fire Responses	127	91
False Alarm/Standby	11	8
Mut. Aid to SHPK	28	14
SHPK to others	32	22

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.

The former Westside overhead doors interior was dura-rocked and taped, mudded and painted. (see photo).

This past month the Village had duct cleaning on the kitchen hood and duct system. It is now cleaned and certified.

Lt. Budnik coordinated the effort by members to paint all the exterior door and firehouse trim red.

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 2
- Additional outlets at station 2
- Emergency phone outside sta. 2
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Install window in TV. Room
- 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

July Trivia

In fire circles, who is "Fat Albert"?
He was a Chicago man, Albert Zenner, who was fixated by flames

and would often stay nearby to watch firefighters battle blazes he started. During the 1970's he targeted garages and empty buildings. Zenner sometimes set several fires in a row forcing firefighters to scramble to control the different blazes. He'd set a dumpster then a warehouse to create chaos tying up 250 firefighters at a time. Ronald Bartel, a character in *Backdraft* was based on Zenner. Zenner died of natural causes at age 67 on March 26, 2013.

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

August Trivia

The Schiller Park Fire Department responds to hundreds of vehicle accidents each year. What is the weakest part of a vehicle?

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.

Our apologies to Marc Quatrocchi of NORCOMM. Marc also answered the March Trivia question correctly of "Jakes". Unfortunately the spam filter sent his reply and answer into a SPAM file.

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 continue to work on putting in place a Vehicle Machinery Operations Class for September 23-27th. It will be limited to 20 students and be held in Schiller Park/Northlake. We will have three of

our members attending as students and one as an instructor. We hope to have completed teaching certification to train the remaining members of our department.

As mentioned earlier FF/PM Warden was in the VMO class in Romeoville prior to being injured.

We also have several members of Schiller Park in the Fire/Arson Investigation classes. FF/PM Bubis for the fire department where he will be utilized primarily as a photographer at fire incidents and Police Officers Frank Stoffel and Chad Kaiser. The program is 120 hours over three weeks.

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.

We are looking into the possibility of hosting some State Fire Marshal classes including technical rescue and fire apparatus engineer. I will notify personnel if openings occur.

We will also have in the new future a Fire Service Vehicle Operator class (FSVO).

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.

I have also obtained railroad ties for training in using different techniques for cutting, i.e. chopping with axes, mauls, saws. They are located behind the firehouse.

Members completed 268 hours of training for the month with 26 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.

Employee of the Month

This month four members were nominated and acknowledge as our Employees of the Month—Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Gergits, FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Schneider.

Due to an error and omission on my part I inadvertently forgot to name FF/PM Schneider as a primary member who helped design our new Ambulance 5 (463). This vehicle replaced the older one which left for Chile July 14th. He too helped design, inspect, review and followed up on all aspects of the project. With the input from the rest of the department, visited other fire departments for feedback and brought in the best possible vehicle for both crew needs and patient needs.

We also thank Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Gergits and FF/PM Warden who represented us when they assisted in escorting the remains of FF Anthony Rose (Prescott FD) who lost his life during wildfires in Arizona. He was one of 19 firefighters killed when their Hot Shot crew was over run by the fire. (see photo)

For your commitment to our department we are honored to call 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 are working on their 2013 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. To date about 254 total inspections have been completed.

A ground breaking was held in the West Gateway area for a parking garage on July 15th.

A new product is now available for use by sprinkler fitters. It is braided stainless steel flexible piping. This will be an option along with black pipe and PVC.

We will have several more new businesses in town that I am reviewing fire and sprinkler plans for.

Our Water Department has also requested that on any new or upgraded fire suppression system that the by-pass meter on the backflow protection be either a Neptune or Census water meter. These are compatible with our MXU system.

Please remember on emergency numbers forms to circle which shift the inspection is assigned to. That way it can go in the correct file and may save a re-inspection trip if that was all they required.

We also want to ensure that all PRE-PLAN sheets are returned and handed in to Cmdr. Maher or FF/PM Niemand. These are ESSENTIAL for

us to try to complete our computer based pre-plan program. Cmdr. Maher will begin to strictly enforce the policy on completing these documents with possible disciplinary action for non-compliance. When you bring back your fire inspections, make a copy of the pre-plan forms and submit to FF/PM Niemand. He is CAD drawing the diagrams with the information. He is also using satellite imagery in each of the files. This process will take a year or more to import, drawn and download to our laptops. IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS PAPERWORK AS IT IS PART OF THE PRE-PLAN THAT IS ISO NECESSARY.

Cmdr. Maher is reviewing several new businesses in town. We have several major projects that are in the works.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see me. I 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. Maher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to stortz fittings. Please consult with Cmdr. Maher.

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.'s Leiser and Maher will advise those needing the class when it is available.

Cmdr. Maher plans on retiring in the near future. As such he is beginning a transition to his replacement Lt. Hatcher. More to follow.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

We have been very pro-active in Public Relations during the past month.

We held our 2nd Annual Gyro fest for all Village employees. It was another success as witnessed by our pictures (see photos).

We are participating weekly in the Village Farmer Market at Rog's. We are passing out fire safety literature to those attending. The Association is also selling Wounded Warrior shirts there. We have obtained a pop up tent that we will use at this event and others throughout the year.

We also had the opportunity this past month to do fire extinguisher training. We trained 100 persons at Mobile mark and 25 at the Hampton Inn. (see photos)

Members are also participating in the Monthly Movies in the Park.

The Illinois Fire Inspectors Association has decided to move its Public Education Conference from Galena to East Peoria next year. The dates will be April 30-May 2nd.

We are also beginning preparations for the 2013 September 11th memorial.

We are planning next school year and working with all the schools in Schiller Park. Next year each school will have a firefighter assigned as a liaison/representative to the school. They will coordinate all activities with that school and be a resource officer between the school and the fire department. The schools are excited and on board.

Other ideas being explored include our next Citizen Fire academy, Jr. Fire Academy, Employee thank you.

FF/Pm LiRosi also continues to work in training and teaching CPR classes.

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

FF Schuyler visited the firehouse on July 15th and talked about his new adventure working part time with the Berkeley Fire Department and how it feels good to be "back in the saddle again"

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.

Stork Report

It has come to our attention that the Gergits are expecting their first child in October.

We are also pleased to announce the Bubis's will be expecting a baby at the end of November.

PM Paukert and his wife had a bouncing baby boy this past July.

Notes

Our first note came from our fire department chaplain, Fr. Rob, who thanked us for our donation to his Ironman fundraiser.

We also received a thank you from the American cancer Society and the relay for Life. Members of our department (Red Shift) participated in the Hero Lap.

A thank you came from the International Christian Assembly thanking us for participating in their Health Fair.

Our last thank you was from a girl scout troop who found our web page on the Village of Schiller Park website and was very impressed with the fire safety messages and links. The troop will use this in their training of the girls.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

Members are supporting the Wounded Warrior Project helping Veterans by wearing and selling fire department camouflage uniform t-shirts and rubber wristbands. So far over \$5,000 has been raised.

The Firefighter Association is also planning its Annual Picnic for Family of Firefighters and Police Officers on September 14th. Start time is 12:00 noon with lunch at 2:00 in Robinson Woods #2.

And Finally...

Action Springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M. September 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- Hostess billboards posted along Irving/Cumberland & toll way (not pictured)

Page 8-9 Schiller Park Firefighters Association hosted the 2nd annual Gyro fest for Village Employees as an Appreciation and thank you

Page 10 Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Gergits and FF/PM Warden are present as FF Anthony Rose (Prescott FD) body arrives and is escorted.

Page 10 bottom left - Fr. Rob completes the iron Man challenge.

Page 11-12 Members are presented with Unit Performance Award at Village board Meeting. (Group Picture—L to R= Lt. Budnik, Cmdr. Chiodo, Mayor Piltaver, FF/PM Swiontek, FF/PM Bertoncini, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Santiago, FF/PM Warden, PM Zydlo)



