

Booster Line

“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 January 9th when FF/PM Swiontek responded as the on duty investigator to Westchester for the Box Alarm structure fire. On scene he provided support to the Incident Commander in determining whether additional investigators were needed.

January 10th saw Black shift respond to a fire in Rosemont where our Tower ladder company was put to work conducting secondary searches of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the fire building. Cmdr. Leiser, FF/PM LiRosi, FF/PM Hudecek and FF/PM Mileta took the assignment which turned up negative.

While the Tower and battalion were on a previous call a fire alarm had Engine 5 respond to the industrial building. Lt. Budnik arrived to find that a semi-truck in the dock with a running motor set off detectors in this area.

After midnight and a reported fire in a commercial building had Black shift respond. Squad 5 arrived and found a small fire on a stove that activated the hood and duct system. The one sprinkler head kept the fire in check and prevented additional damage.

Red shift on January 11th responded to the Full Still in Bensenville for the fire. Being railroaded at York Road both battalion 5 and Tower Ladder 5 was delayed in getting to the scene. With the new median and curb from Cargo road to York, companies cannot cross over into the eastbound lanes for a continued response thus leading to lengthen times.

The following day on the 12th Cmdr. Chiodo responded as a Safety Officer

to Bensenville for a fire in a warehouse. The fire ended up being a forklift that caught fire inside the warehouse.

Cmdr. Leiser on the 13th responded as a Safety Officer to a structure fire in Bensenville. He assessed the situation and advised Command.

January 14th found FF/PM Swiontek as the on duty fire investigator when a Box Alarm was pulled in Bellwood. FF/PM Swiontek responded and worked in conjunction with the other division investigators.

On a happier note the 14th also saw Red shift get called to the scene of a resident who locked their keys inside the house. After determining that it was there house, red shift was able to ladder the building and gain access through a second floor window.

A suspicious car fire in Hillside on January 15th had FF/PM Leiser respond as the on duty investigator. At the scene he worked with other members of the team in determining origin and cause.

Franklin Park toned out for a structure fire on January 16th which brought Tower ladder 5 and Battalion 5 to the scene. Black shift responded with Cmdr. Leiser, FF/PM LiRosi, FF/PM Hudecek and FF/PM Mileta.

A fire in Schiller Park was called in on January 22nd. Black shift responded to the kitchen fire and our engine found that a pump can could control and extinguish the fire. The Tower Ladder crew checked for extension above and below the micro-wave.

Later in the shift a trouble alarm sent engine 5 to investigate. On scene Lt. Budnik and the crew found that it was the tamper switch that was activated due to the OS&Y valve being closed ¼ turn.

January 25th saw a major snowstorm blanket the area during the morning rush hour. As with such weather there are the inevitable accidents. And so it was as a car crossed over the line on River road and struck another vehicle. A Pin-In response was needed as occupants were trapped in

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the two vehicles. Because it was also a multiple patient incident an EMS Box alarm was requested to bring in additional resources from Franklin Park, River Grove and Norwood Park all with ambulances. The extrications were made and four patients were transported. (See photos).

The afternoon of the 25th saw Black shift respond to a fire alarm. When they arrived it was determined that it was steam that set off the detector beneath the detector.

After completing the fire alarm assignment, members continued to do fire inspections. On a commercial inspection the crew requested Battalion 5 to come out for a gas leak. The kitchen area was monitored and a serious gas leak was found in the steam table and the hot water heater not venting properly. Both units were shut down; NICOR was notified as well as Community Development.

An automatic fire alarm on January 26th had companies respond to a hotel in town. The fire investigative team determined that the detector that was activated in the pool area was tripped by someone placing a towel on the steam room heater and it began smoking.

January 28th had Black shift take in the fire alarm at a high rise hotel in town. The panel showed that a detector was activated on the 5th floor. The crews found that the activation was possibly due to a bad light ballast.

A pole on fire on January 29th burned approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through by the time fire units were notified. Com Ed was called to the scene with a 30 minute ETA. Fire/Rescue companies remained on scene. After completely burning through the pole it exploded with the wire coming down and arcing and dancing all around.

The month ended on the 30th with a fire alarm at a hotel. An activation was found on the fourth floor with no reason.

Black shift began February 1st with a fire alarm at an apartment complex.

The group of firefighters checking the alarm found that a hot water pipe in the rear laundry room burst causing steam and setting off the alarm.

A second incident on the same day at a motel had a sprinkler pipe set off the detectors after flooding the immediate area and the area below. The sprinkler system was shut down so repairs could be made.

Sunday February 3rd had a train derailment in Bellwood with 20 cars involved. A Haz Mat Box was called and Cmdr. Leiser responded to become a Sector Officer. It was determined that the leaking product was actually diesel fuel from the rail cars refrigeration.

Shortly after returning to quarters from the above call a possible DOA was dispatched to the fire department. Arriving on scene it was determined that it was a crime scene and that the police had secured the area until their investigation was complete.

Back in quarters and finishing lunch companies were Stilled out to Smoke in the Area. After pushing out of quarters battalion 5 show a large column of smoke near the intersection of Mannheim and Irving and requested a Full Still. At the scene a company representative stated that it was a storage shed in the rear. Engine 5 backed down and dropped a line while Norwood Park dropped a supply line to our engine. Franklin Park Ladder 2 checked for extension into the main building while Rosemont took the RIT assignment. Leyden helped with overhaul and River Grove provided EMS.

February 6th saw a car fire on Black shift. They were able to pop the hood and use the trash line to extinguish the fire.

Lt. Cesaretti took our next call from a resident who stated that the electrical adaptor was flashing. On scene he and the crew found that it was a power strip and the red light was the indicator that it was "ON".

Guests at one of our hotels on

February 7th set off the detector when they opened the sauna near the pool and the steam activated one of the detectors.

Red shift took in a report on February 8th of a ceiling collapse. Members got to the scene in short order and determined that the roof had been leaking causing a 5 X 5 section of drywall and insulation coming down into the apartment. Our building official was notified as well as the building owner to make repairs and re-locate the tenant.

The afternoon had our on duty investigator respond to a fire in Elmwood Park. FF/PM Leiser was assigned this task.

A reported rollover accident on the 9th had additional ambulances from Rosemont and Franklin Park respond. Three ambulances did transport from the scene.

On February 10th a report of something burning was received by dispatch. En-route the caller stated that she saw smoke coming from the chimney of the garage. Fire department personnel arrived to find a wood burning stove in the garage in use to keep warm.

Some persons enjoying themselves too much pulled the fire alarm later in the shift at a local watering hole. No problems were found and no one was sure who did it.

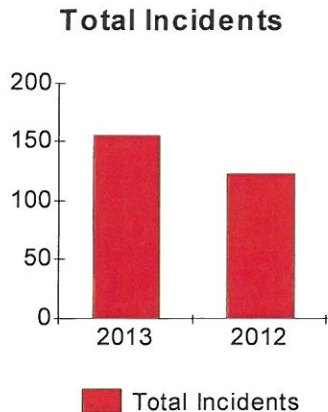
An automatic fire alarm on the 11th had red shift respond to a 40 unit building. While checking out the source of the alarm, members found in one unit burnt food and the occupant asleep. A fan was used to clear out the smoke.

Cmdr. Chiodo responded on February 12th to Bensenville as a Safety Officer for a single family fire. On scene it was quickly determined that the incident needed to go defensive and to up the alarm. Incident Command requested the elevated alarm which eventually brought in our Tower Ladder. We assisted with the defensive operations until released.(see photos)

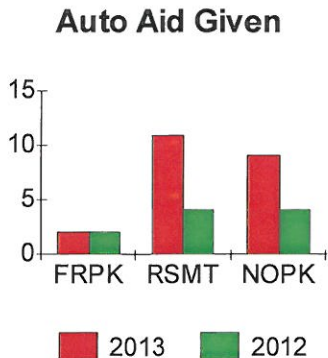
A carbon monoxide detector going off on February 13th brought out our engine and monitors to check the premises. Firefighters found elevated levels in the hallway and in the laundry room. Further investigation revealed that the stove when turned "ON" shot up the readings in PPM. The occupant was advised not to use the appliance until it could be checked out by a service technician.

Our final call of the reporting period was in a hotel when the detector went off. Using a thermal imaging camera members were able to determine that overheated light ballast was the cause of the alarm.

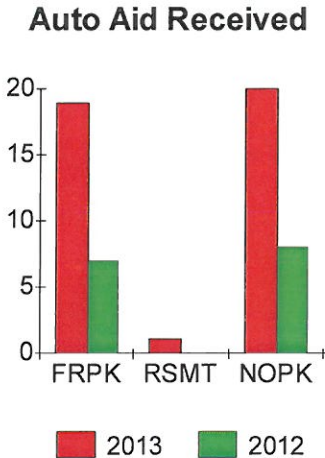
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2012:



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



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



	2013	2012
Total Incidents	156	123

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	2
Norwood Park (NOPK)	9	4
Rosemont (RSMT)	11	4

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	19	7
Norwood Park (NOPK)	20	8
Rosemont (RSMT)	1	0

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Rupsis continues to be on extended medical leave. We anticipate his return by the start of the new fiscal year.

Our condolences to a number of families and friends who passed away this past period.

FF/PM Bubis and his wife Beth lost Tim's grandmother this past month.

Also passing away this past month was Josephine Remian former crossing guard and wife of retired radio dispatcher Ed Remian.

Mr. Louis Buckowski father-in-law of Joan Rinchisen from Community Development.

Caroline Biondo also left us this past month mother of Recreation Department employee Judy Biondo.

May they all rest in peace and have the perpetual light shine upon them.

The Village of Schiller Park is kicking off its Centennial Year starting this March and culminating in March 2014 celebration. Many activities are planned and the fire department is a part of the process. Plans are for monthly events sponsored by the Village and each of its departments. We will need volunteers for these projects and your ideas and input are welcome.

With the heart of winter upon us the Village has made open the Option of a Warming Center in the courtroom. If the situation warrants, contact your shift officer.

We have also received word that our employee medical clinic has changed names. This has also meant new authorization forms. If necessary to seek treatment not requiring emergency care, please see shift officers and use new forms. The clinic is in the same location.

Bensenville and the State of Illinois are embarking on another overpass/underpass at Irving and York. The first under/over pass was completed and much to the dismay of drivers, both sets of tracks were not moved onto the abutment. The state has opened a new website to see the improvements planned on this intersection and can be found at the Illinois Department of Transportation

Website "Illinois 19 at York Road". The project is expected to start in the spring.

We would also like to commend the River Grove Fire Department where word has come to us that through their humanitarian efforts they were able to rescue two yes two dogs from the Des Plaines River.

Our congratulations to Jim Davis one of our part time paramedics for the last 19 years on his promotion to Lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department.

Chief Cadigan (ret.) Maywood Fire Department will have his retirement party on March 2nd at the Boys and Girls Club in Maywood. Details on Kitchen clipboard.

Likewise Chief Rafferty (ret.) Leyden will have Coffee and on February 28th. Details can be found in Kitchen on clipboard.

Congratulations to B/C Karp of Bensenville who also will be retiring March 7th. He will be taking a position as Fire Chief with the Quilcene Fire Department in Washington State.



Lawrence Karp

Schiller Park Fire/EMS

We are also posting hire back and force back lists in the kitchen on the bulletin boards. You will know where you stand for getting re-hired. The memo tweaks how coverage will be obtained. Also in the Memo is a new start time for the Staff members at 0745. Also added to the board is the most current time coming list.

Rumors are flying that the containers which have been the firehouse neighbors for years are moving out. A recent walk through and observation of the rail yard showed it nearly vacant (see photos) Fact or fiction?

Members of Division 20 are trying to set up a Benevolent Fund for any member facing a hardship due to illness or death. Tracy Kenny from Broadview is spearheading this venture. A formal event is being planned for April 19th as a fundraiser here in Schiller Park.

Our State Fire Marshal Fire/Arson Investigator Mitch Kuschner is getting a new partner May 1st. His canine partner Raider is being retired and his new partner Zoe a yellow lab will take over. Mitch will attend a one month certification period in the Northeast to certify his dog.

A new revised time coming list is posted would like to welcome a new member to the Schiller Park Police Department Vincent Cavalieri. P.O. Cavalieri was sworn in by the Police and Fire Commission January 8th.

Director Deegan has realigned the shifts starting May 1st. Those getting shift changes have been spoken too by Director Deegan. The new calendars are circulating to make vacation and personnel day picks. All three Lieutenants are being re-assigned and a balancing of seniority forced several other changes.

IDOT has approved funding for the widening of Mannheim road from Irving north to the Kennedy. We are

not sure at press time when this project will begin.

We are also 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 accommodated 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 scheduled maintenance of Engine 5 at Global. It went out for its annual and returned in service. Shortly Tower Ladder 5 will go out for its annual PM.

The rear spring on the Squad 5 door was replaced.

Tony also repaired the side lights on Tower Ladder 5 and is working on the side wheel well light on Squad 5 along with the arrow stick on the rear.

Lt. Budnik was able to get fabricated a new box for the top of the dog house in Engine 5. It will help organize equipment and prevent flying objects.

Other projects around the firehouse that were tackled included-

We also have now numbered all of our new 2 ½ inch hose. This replaced older 3" inch hose no longer in service and now standardizes all of

our hose on all of our rigs. Old 3 inch surplus hose was listed on the State Fire Marshal website for needy departments in Illinois.

We replaced all of our classroom chairs. We started off with twelve 15 years ago and we were patching them together. Parts were no longer available and it made sense to replace at this time.

We also placed in service two new pelican light boxes. These are on the Squad and Engine. They are portable and can be used on the interior or as scene lights.

A weekly maintenance check revealed that the Alt Air monitor in Battalion 5 needed calibration. We attempted to do this in house but it required a service technician from Air One.

Dave Kosar also has wired the rear door intercom into our existing phone system. The door release is still inoperable and you must go downstairs and greet the person.

If you would like to view all completed reports for each division of our department, training, EMS, inspections, station maintenance, vehicle maintenance and public education can be found in the Chief's Monthly Report posted on the board and submitted to the Village Board.

EMS Director's Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

We are still keeping in close contact with the vendor of our new ambulance. The committee has reviewed each step and stage of the building process. FF/PM Bubis, FF/PM Hudecek and I visited the vendor this past month to check progress and inspect the vehicle. We will meet again to discuss other updates. (See photos)

We also received a resignation letter from part time PM James Howell. He served with us for the last three years. We also were informed that PM Matt Takoy received a shift change at his primary fire department and will amend his schedule here. PM James Davis also was promoted to Lieutenant in Chicago and will be assigned to days in the academy for the next month. I will look into how all this will affect staffing and we will adjust accordingly.

We will also soon be preceptors for paramedic students who are completing Northwest Community Hospitals paramedic program.

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.

Other EMS bits...

FF/PM Bubis and Gold shift helped install new clocks in both of the ambulances.

Tony Calefati repaired the heat in the cab of ambulance 5. While working on preventive maintenance he also repaired the auto eject.

We also received back our repaired Life Pak that had a cracked handle.

New batteries for our cots were also purchased. We plan on having a regular replacement schedule.

EMSD Nosek has placed new Elder/Child Abuse forms and domestic violence forms in all EMS apparatus including the engine.

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.

Lastly, Tony replaced the No Smoke canister after we found that it was clogged due to the malfunctioning fuel injectors.

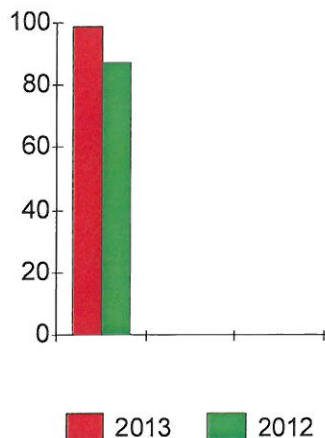
Please refer to the clipboard in the kitchen for any new updates in the Bureau.

During the past month personnel responded to 99 emergency calls. A total of 83 patients were encountered. 61 patients were transported to area hospitals. 32 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Responses	99	87
Cardiac	2	4
Medical Emergency	49	48
Accidents/Trauma	21	22
Fire Responses	26	9
False Alarm/Standby	1	4
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	1
SHPK to others	3	1



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 have been bricked up on the outside. The interior was dura-rocked and will be taped, mudded and painted.

We also obtained a used floor scrubber that FF/PM Bertoncini has worked on. It appears to be working and viable.

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

An exterior light was installed outside the Exit door at the top of the stairs on the deck by FF Bertoncini. This will illuminate the stairs to the roof.

Lt. Budnik and his Bureau have also embarked on the following projects—a new exhaust fan will be installed at the top of the stairway in the firehouse to help vent heat that comes up the stairs from the apparatus floor. Hopefully this will help remove the high heat and humidity that plagues us during the summer.

The Bureau also has replaced all the interior doors in the firehouse with new 6 panel doors. There are 13 doors in the firehouse that have been replaced. They will be stained and new hardware added. Trim will be completed shortly.

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
- Paint tool room floor
- 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

January Trivia

At one time Snorkels were the must have piece of equipment and we all had them. While everyone knows they were developed by the late Chicago Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn when and where was the first time a snorkel operated?

The first time a fire snorkel operated was October 14, 1958 at the Harvey Lumber Company at Paulina and Blue Island in Chicago.

Two correct answers were submitted by Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester and Dee Casey in the Village Hall front office.

February Trivia

Where was the technique of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) first developed?

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.

FF/PM Swiontek attended the Division 20 fire investigators meeting and training.

Cmdr. Leiser attended the Training and Safety Officers meeting.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Arson Fire Investigator meeting and training.

I have 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 am 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.

The OSFM has also created its latest flow charts for certifications through their office. A copy is posted in the kitchen.

Members completed 282 hours of training for the month with 27 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 meetings for 18 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 nominate and acknowledge as our Employee of the Month—Lt. Budnik.

One of the problems in the fire service is that we are trying to do more with less. This is not a sustainable approach. As the Engine continues to do a bulk of the work, the amount of material that it needs to carry is increasing. Much of this material needs to be readily accessible in the cab of the vehicle. With little space and no file cabinet, Lt. Budnik with the assistance of Lt. Hatcher designed a box container for the top of the dog house. This will

allow for additional storage and at the same time prevent flying projectiles in the cab. Lt. Budnik was able to procure not only one box but a second for no cost for a future vehicle. The box was installed to take advantage of all available space.

For your commitment to our department we are honored to call him 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 were issued their 2013 inspections. Each shift received approximately 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 50 total inspections have been completed.

January 1st Cmdr Maher began working on a form to help track water usage on sprinkler systems. We will now ask the inspectors to do a meter reading AT the sprinkler system. Cmdr. Maher will provide training on where to look and how to document.

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 of 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.

I am reviewing several new businesses in town. We have several major projects that are in the works.

If you are interested in any of the plan review in the Fire Prevention office 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.

I also plan on retiring in the near future. As such I am beginning a transition to my replacement Lt. Hatcher. I hope you support him as

well or better than me. More to follow.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

The Public Relations Bureau is working with the 100 Year Anniversary Committee for different activities throughout the year.

We are also looking at the End of the Year Ice Cream Social for the school students. This is tentatively being planned for the end of May or beginning of June. Dates will be announced in the next issue.

Other ideas being explored include our next Gyro fest, 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.

Notes

Several notes arrived this past month, they can from the following-

The Buckowski family thanked us for visiting at the wake of Louis (Joan Rinchisen father in law), the prayers and thoughts extended to her and the family.

After the fire in Bensenville on February 12th, one of the trustees Mr. Crizzo thanked the fire departments that responded and helped extinguish the fire and contain it to the one structure.

A number of thanks you and artwork were received by children thanking us for their visits and explanations of the firehouse and equipment.

The Schiller Park FOP also thanked the fire department for providing a fire truck and driver during their annual Christmas Santa visit to all the schools.

One of the young men, Chris Troop 152, working on his Boy Scout Star Rank sent thanks to the firefighters for helping with his Emergency preparedness and First Aid badges.

A thank you was received from the Mt. Sterling Fire Department for our donation through the State Fire Marshal website of surplus equipment. The Village recently authorized that the old 3 inch house was no longer an asset or of value and could be donated to a department in need. Our department donated 15 lengths.

Our last thank you was from the

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association hosted the February 8th Fishes and loaves at St. Beatrice. Dinner consisted of chili and mac. Desserts, salads and drinks were included. Almost 20 volunteers from the fire department were present.

The Association also held a meeting on January 23rd to discuss needs and direction. The goals for this year were also formulated.

Retiree Row

FF Schuyler (ret.) visited the firehouse this past month twice to see how things were going. The first time was to have coffee and visit and catch up on everything going on. His second visit was with his grandson who was working on a Cub Scout badge and wanted to see grandpa's firehouse. Black shift was cordial and took them on a tour and provided him with some take home gifts. Carl also

ensured that his "9 squares" were cleaned, waxed and still reserved for him.

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.

And Finally...

There is no season such delight can bring as summer, autumn, winter and the spring.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M. March 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.

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