

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 April to Mid May. Several usual and unusual calls and incidents occurred as detailed below.

We begin on April 9th when Red shift takes in an automatic fire alarm. Arriving they find the alarm panel indicate the detector is on the 5th floor and trudge up the steps looking for any potential problem. On the 5th floor they found no power to a detector causing the alarm.

April 11th Gold shift was dispatched to smoke in the area. As they approached the area they could smell smoke. Investigating further Gold shift found a smoldering garbage from a recreational fire in a backyard that was out. The residents garden hose was used to finish cooling the area.

Black shift responded to a carbon monoxide incident on April 14th. The resident said that the carbon monoxide detector was going off for about a week every time they cooked and used the oven. Members turned on the oven and found that it was emitting 60 ppm immediately. The resident was advised to get a technician for the oven prior to using again.

While Spring has been cooler than those in the past, a resident went out to their car on April 16th to warm it up. Unfortunately they locked themselves out of the house. Red shift using the “W” tool was able to make entry.

The following night Black shift on the 17th responded to a report of a structure fire. Upon arrival this area it was quickly determined that this was a Chicago call. Chicago, Rosemont and Schiller Park are all located in

close proximity in this area. Being that we beat Chicago there, Rosemont and Schiller Park went to work. Schiller Park Tower Ladder 5 went to the roof and Engine 5 entered through the front of the building. The joint effort put out the fire which was a party bus inside a building. (see photos).

April 21st had Red shift respond to a possible fire. On scene the fire investigative crew found that the owner was preparing his grill when an ember ignited discarded carpet padding stored outside near the grill.

Gold shift assisted a resident on the 22nd when their child was locked in the car with the keys. The fire department obtained the waiver of liability and then were able to successfully open the car.

A short while later the shift responded to a fire alarm in a school. Lt. Swiontek arrived in Battalion 5 and was met by the school principal who stated a child had pulled a pull station box.

Red shift took in a structure fire on April 25th in Norwood Park. The tower ladder arrived on scene and was assigned salvage and overhaul.

A second incident of a pull station being tripped occurred on April 27th when a youngster at a party tripped a Pull Station Box at a hotel.

The tower ladder was then sent to Norwood Park for smoke on the 12th floor of a high rise. The tower ladder arrived and staged while the Norwood Park crew investigated. A simultaneous call for an ambulance came in and the Norwood Park Incident Commander sent our tower ladder to that call.

The 28th saw a water flow alarm and a fire response. Members were met by maintenance who stated it was a broken sprinkler pipe. The area was isolated and a repair company was called out.

A call to 9-1-1 in the middle of the night on April 29th had the caller state that she thought the detector might be defective as it was chirping every

so often. Members responded to check it out and found a low battery on the detector.

An accident on the toll way on April 29th had members respond and treat. Because of the seriousness and nature of the call an additional member was used as a third person on the ambulance. (see photo).



The month ends on the 30th when Norwood Park requested a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm. Lt. Swiontek the on duty Haz Mat technician responded to assist in identifying the unknown substances of a possible drug lab. The chemicals found after identification were not illegal and were part of a home made chemistry set.

May Day began for the department with a call on the toll way for smoke coming from a school bus. Gold shift responded to find a school bus on the side of the road. The driver said she left great America in Gurnee and drove with the temperature gauge rising and the engine starting to smoke. She finally pulled over near Northlake and called the fire department. Schiller Park responded and found the overheated vehicle and no fire.

Two days later on May 3rd the shift responded to another fire on the toll way. This time a heavy fire condition was found in the engine compartment. Members forced entry into the compartment and

extinguished the fire.

Later in the shift the crew assisted the Schiller Park Police Department when they needed a ladder to get to the roof of a grammar school to recover property.

May 4th had Gold shift take in a compacter fire in Norwood Park at a major grocery chain store. Arriving Norwood Park had the situation under control and asked our tower ladder company to assist in tearing apart the garbage.

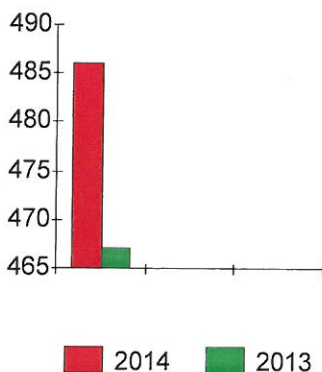
Before the shift was over the police department called out the fire department for a grass fire. Our Engine company found the fire out and burnt papers on the front lawn.

Black shift on May 5th had smoke in an apartment building. The fire investigative crew found in the basement laundry room a large amount of towels in a washing machine. It appeared that the amount of towels in the machine overtaxed it and the belt slipped enough to burn out.

The last call of the reporting period happens on May 7th when members respond to a fire alarm. They were met at the back door by an employee who was cooking in the kitchen. He activated a smoke detector for no known reason.

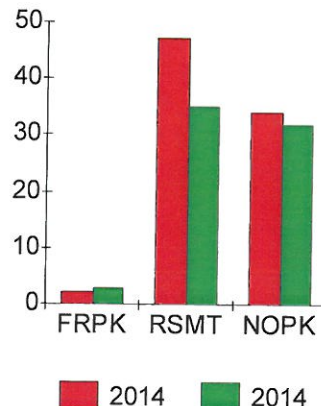
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Total Incidents



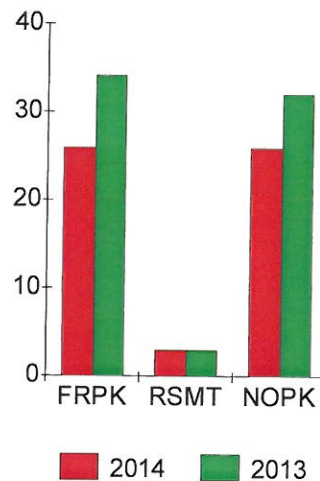
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30th "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	2014	2013
Total Incidents	486	467

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	3
Norwood Park (NOPK)	34	32
Rosemont (RSMT)	47	35

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	43	39
Norwood Park (NOPK)	40	37
Rosemont (RSMT)	4	3

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

Lt. Hatcher, who injured his arm on a call, had surgery mid January. He had been coming in on light duty to run the Fire Prevention Bureau and has now returned to full duty.

Our condolences and prayers to Lt. Hatcher on the passing of his mother Jo Ann this past month.

Probationary FF/PM Dehmlow has started the NIPSTA fire academy. He is due to graduate in June.

The Police and Fire Commission is processing another candidate to replace a member who recently resigned. It is also anticipated that a second candidate will also be processed as EMSD Nosek has announced his retirement.

FF/PM Santiago has also returned to the firehouse. FF/PM Santiago enlisted in the USMC reserve and went for basic and advanced training. He is currently a Lance Corporal. He awaits further orders from the Marine Corps.

After 35 years of service to the Village of Schiller Park, EMSD Nosek has submitted his retirement papers. Rick has worked as a paramedic, Assistant Director, EMS Coordinator and Director of EMS in both the old Emergency Medical Services Department and the Fire Department. Rick's last day will be June 27th. We wish him well. (see accompanying articles).

The Village will be implementing the

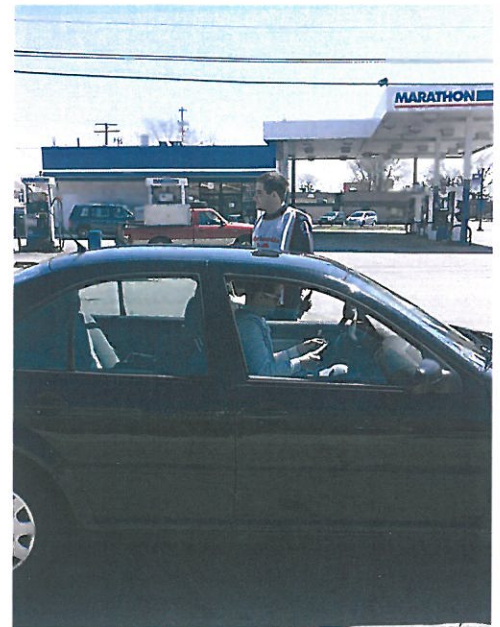
new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system in mid July. All employees who will be using it including police, fire, records administrators will be trained in early July. This system will be interoperable with all records and reduce duplication.

The foreign fire insurance met this past month to received monies for the department.

Members also participated in the Recreation Department annual Easter Egg hunt. Our Tower Ladder delivered the Bunny to Kenney Park where the children had their pictures taken and hunted for colored eggs.

The City of Chicago also has revised their fire box alarm cards for O'Hare airport. They have requested our Tower Ladder to respond on the Box alarm.

Members helped out Misericordia on their Jelly Belly Days on April 25-26. Misericordia helps those with developmental disabilities. (see photo).



Our congratulations to several of our brothers in Blue in the Schiller Park Police department. Recently Tom Hehn was appointed Assistance Commander in the Patrol Division and Patrol Officers Kevin Rameriez and Jonathon Schu who were appointed Detectives.

Phase IIB of the Crystal Creek project is beginning to improve flow of the creek. Work has begun along Denley and should be completed by August.

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 has begun 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. The

Balmoral ramp from northbound Mannheim is now closed as part of the project. It will be closed for several months.

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:

We have completed the standardization of all our firefighting nozzles. They are all now adjustable fog low pressure 50 psi at the tip. These were added to the cross lays and in the basket on Tower Ladder 5.

FF/PM Bertoncini installed the charging unit for the new thermal imaging camera in the cab of tower ladder 5.

He also installed a new reference box on the doghouse in the truck for manuals, radios and other resources.

We also had our Holmatro power unit serviced at Russo's and placed back in service.

Lastly Tower Ladder 5 returned from all its annual maintenance and repairs from the shops.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

As mentioned earlier, EMSD Nosek will be retiring after 35 years. His last day will be June 27th. The department plans on honoring him at a future date for his service to the department and Village. He is transitioning many of the duties and activities to Lt. Swiontek. The Operations Division will evaluate the needs and direction of the EMS bureau and decide on best practices for our future.

We participated with the Schiller Park Police and the DEA on April 26th with their Prescription Pill take back program. Residents turned in over 52 pounds of pills that were unused, expired or no longer necessary. This program prevents them from entering landfills and waterways.

The Illinois Department of public Health has issued Certificates for numbers of years of service for 2014 EMS Week. Members of our department celebrating multiples of 5 years of service include:

FF/Pm Bubis	5 years
Cmdr. Cesaretti	20 years
FF/PM Farias	10 years
PM Kosar	25 years
PM Lange	10 years
FF/PM LiRosi	15 years
FF/PM Miletta	5 years
FF/PM Niemand	5 years
EMSD Nosek	35 years
FF/PM Piculas	25 years
FF/PM Santiago	5 years
Lt. Swiontek	15 years
FF/PM Werner	5 years

Our congratulations to all these members for their dedicated service.

At the Village Board meeting on June 5th, the Board will recognize Lt.

Budnik, Lt. Swiontek, Pm Zydlo, FF/PM Warden, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Santiago, FF/PM Bertoncini and Cmdr. Leiser for a life saving of a cardiac patient.

New SOP's were distributed to all members from Northwest Community Hospital. May was a mandatory month for continuing education to review the changes.

Norwood Park Fire Protection District will be changing EMS systems. They will be transferring from Good Samaritan to Lutheran General.

EMS Week is planned nationwide for May 18-24th. The theme is "EMS: Dedicated. For Life".

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 EMSD Nosek.

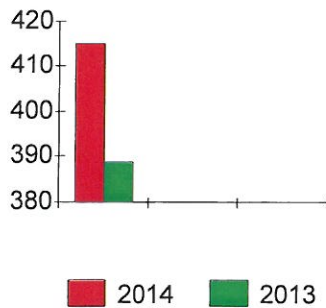
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

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 102 emergency calls. A total of 94 patients were encountered. 71 patients were transported to area hospitals. 49 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	2014	2013
Total Responses	415	389
Cardiac	33	23
Medical Emergency	201	203
Accidents/Trauma	104	96
Fire Responses	74	64
False Alarm/Standby	3	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	8	15
SHPK to others	13	16

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.

We will be working on also adding emergency strobes on the exterior of the building on the east side of the firehouse.

New tile will replace broken ones in the kitchen and tile the baseboards. The walls up to the chair rail are also being tiled.

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

April Trivia

What is the significance of Ambulance 61 and Battalion 25?

Both were randomly selected from a list of choices cleared by lawyers who make sure none of the numbers in the show is used by the city's fire department in real life.

No one answered this month's trivia question correctly.

May Trivia

The Division uses Box 3001 for incidents? What are these incidents?

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 FF/PM Dehmlow

continues his firefighting training at NIPSTA.

Probationary Firefighters Velesco and Leao continue their probation. They will rotate shift for further evaluation in June.

Our department in conjunction with the Division 20 training officers held a Vehicle Machinery Operations (VMO) class this past month. 24 firefighters attended the week long class including three from Schiller Park along with three members who were instructors. There were 9 persons on a waiting list for this class and we anticipate holding it again sometime in September or October. (see photos)

We also have purchased a forcible entry door simulator. It is currently at Station 6 and will be operational soon.

The new Technical Rescue truck is now in service. It is being housed in Bensenville and they will be responsible for getting out to incidents.

Cmdr. Leiser attended the Division 20 Safety and Training Officer meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser, FF/PM Leiser and FF/PM Gergits continue with the new candidates and monitored their progress on shift.

Cmdr. Chiodo, Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Bubis attended the Division 20 fire investigators meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser, FF/PM Gergits and FF/PM Leiser attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis.

Cmdr. Chiodo completed the FEMA IS-00042 Social media in Emergency Management course.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the spring Fire Chief's symposium.

The Daily Training Folders will be located in the Lieutenants office in the Training mailbox. All drills can be found here for the month.

Acting Officers and those wishing to

take the next Lieutenants test are strongly encouraged to take the NIMS 300 and 400 classes. Upcoming classes have been posted.

OSHA is implementing new package identification labels for hazardous materials shipment. The new labels will be phased in within the next two years. Examples of the new labels and terminology can be found in the classroom and this issue.

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.

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 357 hours of training for the month with 48 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 meetings for 30 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 Santiago as our Employees of the Month.

FF/PM Santiago enlisted in the marine Corp and was shipped out to California for training. He was the second oldest in his company and out performed many of the younger members. FF/PM Santiago has attained the rank of Lance Corporal and may be deployed again. He is part of a recon unit. For his volunteering to defend and protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness both as a civilian and uniformed military person we make him our Employee of the Month.

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 continue their 2014 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 approximately 214 inspections have been completed.

Members of Gold shift had an

opportunity to view the construction of the new parking facility along the toll way. The construction manager briefed members on the layout and features the building will incorporate. He invited them back as often as necessary to see the progress. (see photo).

Lt. Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand continue to transition to all computerization all bureau forms and inspections. Two IPADS have been purchased and all inspections and inspectional paperwork are to be done electronically. Many of the forms that used to be filled out by businesses will also be submitted digitally. Both Lt. Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand will continue to train and evaluate the progress. Any questions can be directed toward 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 have been very pro-active in Public Relations during the past month.

Black shift attended a memorial Day concert on May 8th at Lincoln Middle school. The program was provided by the Kennedy school children.

The Public Relations bureau met to discuss plans for the Summer and the next school year. We are planning an End of the Year Ice Cream Social on June 6th and are planning 9/11, Fire Prevention Week and a Winter Seminar for residents.

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

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

We have had several updates on retired members this past month.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) reached out to current members to golf on their days off with him.

Lt. Anderson (ret.) is running against Cmdr. Jeffrey (ret.) for a seat on the pension board.

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

FF/PM Farias and his wife Julieta had a baby boy Brandon born April 11th. He weighed in at 8 Lbs, 12 oz.

Congratulations to all! Mom and son are doing well.

Notes

EMSD Nosek submitted his letter for retirement. Here it is in full-

"In July of 1978, I began my career with the Village of Schiller Park as a part-time paramedic with the Emergency Squad. In April of 1979, I was hired as one of the original "Civilian" Paramedics. At that time I set the goal to leave the place better than when I started. Over the next four decades I saw our paramedic program expand and improve. I feel I have accomplished that goal. Over the course of my career I was entrusted with ever-greater responsibilities, serving in every EMS management position, eventually becoming EMS Director.

It has been an exhilarating ride. I have been truly privileged to serve three mayors; three village managers; five fire chiefs and numerous trustees. I have worked with some wonderful coworkers, not only in the fire department, but also in all of the other village departments, as well as with members of surrounding fire departments.

During my almost thirty-six year career, besides working as an administrator, I have also worked every shift as a field paramedic, assigned to an ambulance, caring for thousands of residents and visitors to the village. That has been the accomplishment I am proudest of!

Daily ambulance duty has also taken a toll physically. I was fortunate to return to duty after a serious back injury in 2009. I live with chronic pain resulting from that injury and the knowledge that such an injury could happen again. While it did not dampen my enthusiasm for the job, it is a reminder that I am not getting any younger.

That said it is time for me to scale back. I feel it is time to prepare for the next phase of my life and spend more time with my family. Therefore I intend to retire from the fire department. My resignation is to be effective June 27, 2014.

I would like to thank the administration for their faith in my abilities and to all the employees of the village of Schiller Park for enriching my life."

s. Richard Nosek, EMS Director

Our congratulations in advance to Rick. Good luck with the future.

Thank you's were also received from Clare and Susan fine who appreciated the work the paramedics did for him in saving his life back on Halloween 2013. He is home now and doing well.

The construction manager David DeGaetano, of the parking facility on Mannheim sent a noting thanking the fire department for taking an interest in the project and coming out to visit and pre-plan.

The Recreation Department sent a thank you for the help we provided at the Easter Egg Hunt as well as delivering the Bunny. As many as 600 persons attended the event.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association will be participating in the Fill the Boot for Burn Camp May 30th, June 6th and June 13th.

We also will be supporting the "Cop on Top" for Special Olympics. Our Police Officers will sit atop Dunkin Donuts May 30th.

Our Police will also be sponsoring a movie, "Heroes behind the Badge" at

East Leyden June 13th. More info can be obtained from Det. DeSimone.

The Firefighter Benevolent Ball has been postponed until September 12th. It may be less formal than dress uniform or Black Tie. See FF/PM Schneider for details.

And Finally...

In seed time learn, in harvest time teach, in winter enjoy.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M. June 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 8-Members of the Schiller Park Fire Department pose with the Easter Bunny.

While training in Rosemont members learn a new technique for minimal damage forcible entry. Make a saw cut, insert "T" square, open panic hardware.

Page 9- members walk through the new parking facility as it is under construction.

Page 10- Several fire departments fight a party bus fire in building.

Page 11-14 The Division 20 Vehicle Machinery Operations Extrication (VMO) class had plenty of hands on experience. Over 40 vehicles were used and cut up using various techniques.

More photos next issue of Final Practicals.



