

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 April 14th when a Level I Hazardous Materials incident was responded to by firefighters from Schiller Park. A construction crew hit a 2” gas main rupturing the pipe. Our first in engine and truck companies were able to slow the leak with plugs and wedges from our Haz Mat kit. NICOR was called to the scene and the area monitored until they arrived.

April 17th a fire alarm in an apartment building had Red shift respond. After making entry the members found that a hot shower and steam set off the detector.

After picking up from this call they were dispatched to another apartment building for a fire alarm. This time the fire investigative team found burnt food from a microwave oven set off the alarm.

Before Red shifts tour of duty concluded, they took in another automatic fire alarm. A smell of smoke was indicated by a caller and on scene a haze of smoke was coming from the overhead doors. Tower Ladder 5 went to the roof and Franklin Park Ladder 2 to the adjacent building while Engine 5 went into the overhead doors. The firefighters found that a worker was doing regeneration of a diesel engine bus and the fumes inside the building were similar to smoke from a fire.

Black shift took in a motor vehicle accident on April 19th at Mannheim and Irving. On scene the crew found air bag deployment and the need for additional EMS support. Cmdr. Hatcher requested an ambulance from Leyden who also made a transport to the hospital.

Shortly thereafter and a few blocks away, car struck a light pole knocking it down. The traffic control device and wires were exposed. Com Ed was called to the scene and the area secured.

A mutual aid call sent suppression personnel on April 21st when Bensenville requested a Box Alarm. Lt. Swiontek responded on the Box with Battalion 5 and Tower Ladder 5 was staffed by FF/Pm LiRosi, FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Loch.

April 22nd had Red shift go to Norwood Park for smoke in the building. Command had our crew stand by until released.

Members returned April 23rd when there was smoke in the basement. The fire team found in the basement a heating unit malfunctioning and Tower Ladder 5 was used to ventilate the building.

Cmdr. Hatcher and his crew took in a fire alarm on the 25th in an apartment building. Initial reports had no problem until burnt food in one of the units was found on the stove setting off the system.

Gold shift took in the persons stuck in the elevator on April 26th. On scene they were able to recall the elevator and upon opening the doors found no occupants.

FF/PM Bubis the on-duty fire investigator April 27th, was sent to Hillside for the Box Alarm working fire. Tim assisted with the fire investigation until released.

A fire alarm on the 29th in a six unit building had Lt. Swiontek and his shift investigate. They were met by construction crews inside the building who said they were working and the dust set off the detectors.

May started for the department on the 1st with a response from Red shift to a call for a commercial truck leaking fuel on the roadway. The members found a truck parked in the median leaking a significant amount of fuel. A hazmat pool was placed under the tank and absorbent pads in the area to soak up the spill. A contract

company was called to remediate the site and a second haz mat pool was deployed to continue the collection of fuel.

Burnt food in an apartment was the next culprit for Black shift after picking up from the fuel spill on the 1st. The tenant forgot about the food causing it to burn.

May 2nd had Lt. Budnik respond to a power line down. On scene in the hotel parking lot the members found a light pole down with the wires stretched and pulling at the base. The area was secured and notifications were made.

A commercial business on May 4th had water flow alarm go off. Engine 5 first on the scene determined that it was sprinkler system malfunction and shut the system down for repairs.

Ambulance 5 took in a Change of Quarters to Des Plaines May 4th when a fatal accident tied up all their resources.

A fire alarm on May 4th at a multi story building had Red shift take it in. On scene the fire crews found that the cleaning people set off the detector when vacuuming near the elevator.

May 7th and wires down again sent Black shift to investigate. On scene FF/PM Schneider and the engine found 2 live wires down. The area was cordoned off and a call placed to Com Ed to respond. The scene was secured and turned over to police until Com Ed's arrival.

Getting good at responding to wires down, Black shifts next call was for a power line down behind the residence. On scene they found a wire down in the alley that did not appear to be live. The area as a precaution was cordoned off until Com Ed arrived and secured by the Schiller Park Police Department.

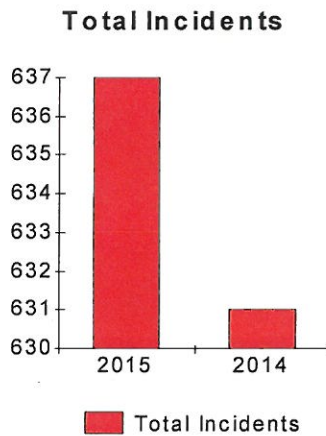
An automatic fire alarm in a hotel sent Red shift to the scene. After arriving the fire crews found that the area was near the elevators where the detectors were tripped. The shift then located some burnt wires in the

elevator room and the elevator was locked out/tagged out.

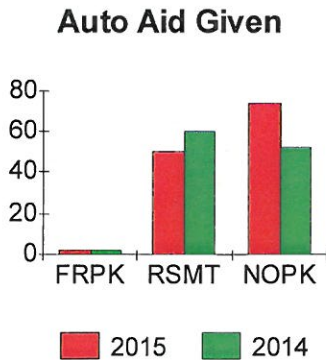
May 9th and an electrical problem with smoking wires coming from the ground had Gold shift. In speaking with the manager, Lt. Leiser was told that they were from an old exit sign and that she called for an electrician to come out and repair.

The last call of the reporting period came on May 9th when units responded to the toll way for a motorcycle accident. A second ambulance was requested from Rosemont and the persons transported to a level one trauma center by both Schiller Park and Rosemont.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2014:

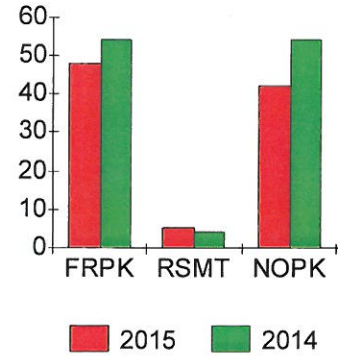


The run summary for Automatic Aid as of April 30th "To" the following communities:



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

Auto Aid Received



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	637	631

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	2
Norwood Park (NOPK)	74	52
Rosemont (RSMT)	50	60

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	48	54
Norwood Park (NOPK)	42	54
Rosemont (RSMT)	5	4

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission is processing the next candidate to fill the last vacant opening in the fire department.

FF/PM Matt Zydlo continues training at the NIPSTA fire academy before returning to shift.

Chief Chiodo has made several shift changes effective May 1st to balance off the shifts. This involved moving both firefighters and officers.

The Foreign Fire Insurance held its meeting April 28th. New officers were elected including Chief Chiodo as Chairman, Lt. Budnik as Treasurer and FF/PM Loch as Secretary. A number of items were voted on and Lt. Budnik will do a review and audit of the account to see what has not been spent and what are on going expenses. Minutes can be obtained from FF/PM Niemand.

The Firefighters Pension Board held an election for one of the openings. FF/Pm Blaine Schneider was re-elected to the position and has assumed the Presidents function. Lt. Swiontek is the Secretary of the Board and Mayor Piltaver has appointed Alberto to the Board.

The 2016 budget was approved by the Village Board. This budget had the input of all the shifts and is our budget. We plan on beginning the 2017 fiscal year budget this September for presentation in February 2016. Please start to think about future needs.

Our Congratulations to Norwood Park Deputy Chief John Kovalcik who retired earlier this month. Our department participated with crossed ladders at their firehouse for his final ride home from the firehouse. In his place the Norwood Park Fire Protection District promoted Lt. Dan Johnson to the rank of deputy Chief. Good Luck!

Our thanks to Kathleen Quinn who honored our firefighters on May 2nd for Firefighter Appreciation Week. She stopped by the firehouse and cooked Gold shift dinner (see photos).

Our Condolences to Cmdr. Cesaretti on the passing of his mom Christine this past month. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Members were able to provide an honor guard during the funeral.

Chief Chiodo has posted the updated list on time coming for all personnel. If you think that there is a discrepancy, please see the Chief. If you exceed the maximum, you will need to take them as soon as practical.

Captain Sonya Thompson is retiring from the Maywood Fire Department after 23 years. Sonya was instrumental in running the Division 20 Haz Mat team with training, housing the vehicle and on scene support. A flier is posted on information for her retirement party.

MABAS has reimbursed us for the Operation Bulldog training that took place at St. Joseph with the disaster drill. The money covers the cost of personnel on scene and back fill at the station.

Cmdr. Leiser has purchased for the department a subscription for a weather station for our department for on scene use. When it arrives personnel will be instructed on how to access and use.

Schiller Park was the site of the practicals for the Vehicle and Machinery Operations class (extrication). The class was attended by over 20 members of the Division. (see photos).

Chief Chiodo has worked with the Cook County Board of Elections and they have decided to move the polling spot from the firehouse to the Village Hall. The firehouse did not meet the requirements for accessibility, bathrooms, ADA that the Board meeting room has. This was first proposed by Cmdr. Maher (ret.).

Chief Chiodo will also host in the firehouse the first Coffee and Chat with the Chief on July 18th from 9-10 AM. This will be an informal coffee clutch to meet and talk with the residents and whoever shows up.

Schiller Park is updating its Box Alarm cards. The drafts have been distributed to surrounding communities for comment. The final version will be official go into effect and sent out by NORCOMM on June 1st.

We will also be updating and adding to the official portraits in our hallway. Since we last had them done there are 9 changes that need to be made.

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:

Squad 5 returned from the shops. Lt. Budnik had a laundry list of items requiring attention that have now been taken care of.

Tower Ladder 5 had its airline repaired after it had a major leak. This was done in house.

The Gas Trac from Tower Ladder 5 was also repaired by sensit gold and returned in service and placed back on the rig.

Other items throughout the firehouse included:

A repair has been made on the knob on a SCBA cylinder and its regulator.

A 20 gallon and a 60 gallon containment pool were purchased to replace ones used on a recent haz mat call. These were paid by the spiller.

Lt Budnik was also able to obtain a new regulator for our air bag set. This was at no cost as the company lost the one we sent them for repair. It is now back on Engine 5.

As a reminder all small engines should have the gas caps on tools and equipment hand tightened.

Around the firehouse Lt. Budnik also had all the fire extinguishers in the Village and on our vehicles serviced with the annual tag.

Lt. Budnik is also in contact with the roofing company for the leak that was recently noticed. They came out and could not find the problem and said to call when raining so they can come out to locate the problem.

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 lpads 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...

Lt. Swiontek has purchased new laryngoscope handles for the disposable blades and are placed in the peds bag.

A new infectious control kit has been purchased and placed in the EMS office. This way it will be available to everyone and not on a rig that may be unavailable.

Lt. Swiontek has also placed in service new airway bags.

The new LifePak 15 has been placed in service on Ambulance 5. We have moved the Life Pak formerly assigned to Ambulance 5 to Ambulance 6 and that one to the bunkroom. The Life Pak formerly in the bunkroom was traded in as part of the purchase price.

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.

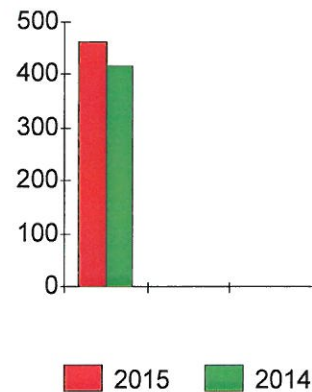
The Northwest Community Hospital

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 104 emergency calls. A total of 99 patients were encountered. 73 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	104	464
ALS Transports	48	182
BLS Transports	22	100
Refusals/MPR's	15	88
Other Non Transports	9	20
Fire Responses	9	72
CPR Students taught	29	96
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	13
SHPK to others	5	14

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 Lt. Budnik are working on a wireless option to open the doors to station 6 on 25th Ave. This will piggy back a signal from 4501 25th (Community Center).

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

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

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?

The first brass fire pole (manufactured by Andrew J. Morse and Son, parent company of today's McIntire Brass Works) went into the Boston Fire Department in 1880.

There were three correct answers received. Dee Casey (Administration Schiller Park), Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester and Mark Jenkins

(NORCOMM Supervisor).

May Trivia

What and where is the tallest firefighting aerial device? Hint, it is 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.

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

The training division has been active in defining and charting a course for our department.

Probationary Firefighters 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.

Chief Chiodo, Cmdr. C. Leiser and Lt. J. Leiser all attended the FDIC seminar in Indianapolis. This is the annual fire department instructors conference and exhibits.

FF/PM Santiago completed his Structural Collapse class as part of the State Fire Marshal program. He will soon take the state exam for certification.

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

Division 20 sponsored a Vehicle Machinery Operations (extrication) class the first week of May. FF/PM

Miletta attended and Lt. J. Leiser taught. We hope to sponsor another class at the end of October. This is a requirement for all our new personnel.

Cmdr Cesaretti has taken over as the department Training Officer effective May 1, 2015. He 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 366 hours of training for the month with 49 training drills. This includes outside classes.

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. Cesaretti.

State Exams are a duty assignment and failure to show up will result in disciplinary action. We will try to sign up for exams at Triton on shift days. If you attend a class it is our expectation that you take and PASS the State exam. If you do not pass, you will not be able to take further classes.

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.

The fire department was called to a residence to help with a "child" stuck. After arrival of the fire department it was found that the "child" was a dog. FF/Pm Santiago found that the dogs tongue had gotten stuck in its cage and could not get it out. FF/PM Santiago carefully approached the dog and in a loving and tender way was able to remove its tongue from the impediment and free the dog. The happy pup licked Nick's face and wagged its tail playfully.

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 with 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 shifts have completed 211 inspections with 198 inspections remaining.

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. Cesaretti is looking into the program if this should replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. Cmdr. Cesaretti 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.

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.

A student raffle winner from Kennedy school had a ride to school on April 22nd in a fire truck. FF/PM Schneider

and FF/PM Warden escorted the student in Squad 5.

Members attended the Arbor Day tree planting in Stalica Park on April 22nd.

Members stood by at the 2nd Annual St. Maria Goretti 5K race.

FF/PM Schneider attended the Illinois Fire Inspectors Public Education conference in East Peoria April 29-May 1st.

The winner of Lunch with the Fire Department came on May 9th and ate with Black shift.

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.

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Retiree Row

Lt. Anderson (ret.) stopped by the firehouse prior to the pension board meeting to say hello and see how everyone was.

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 Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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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.

Stork Report

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A special thank you to firefighters was given by Kathleen Quinn on May 2nd for Firefighter Appreciation week (see photos).

Police Officer Brian Norris father treated the three shifts to pizza this past month as a way of saying thanks for our department helping his family during a recent medical emergency.

Chief Deegan (ret.) sent a thank you to all the membership for attending his retirement and the support we showed him. He has already mounted the axe given him in his home office.

A thank you was received from a resident who members helped on Super Bowl Sunday. Members transported him to Lutheran General where he jokes that his "tailgate" party consisted of crackers and water. He appreciates all that we did for him as he can now joke about it.

Mrs. McGrath also sent a note thanking our firefighters and paramedics for the job we do. She needed help and dialed 9-1-1 and we came quickly. She saw a group of dedicated professionals who were caring and compassionate. She could tell how well trained and knowledgeable we were and her appreciation for us being here everyday holidays and weekends that we give up.

Carol Fritz (ret.) sent a note thanking the members for putting together a great retirement party for Chief Deegan (ret.) and our passion for our job and career.

Lastly, our 2 and 4 year old who joined us for lunch as winners of the Firefighter Auction sent cards telling us to "Be Safe" and "God Bless You" as thank-you's.

And Finally...

Spring is the time of plans and projects.

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 Chief 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 7- Katie Quinn cooks dinner for Gold shift for Firefighter Appreciation Day

Page 8-11 Members of Division 20 participate in the Vehicle Machinery Operations (VMO) class. Over forty vehicles were used in the practical exercises.

Page 12- members of the Schiller Park Fire Department attend the swearing in of Deputy Chief Dan Johnson in Norwood Park.









