

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 October 11th when Gold shift took in a garbage can fire. Callers stated that smoke was rising from a 55 gallon rusted drum. Bystanders stated that someone was burning trash and had just left. The fire was put out with a pump can.

At three in the morning on the 12th, Gold shift was stilled out for a car fire behind the building. Upon arrival the crew found two cars burning and a dumpster involved. The skid hose load was pulled and a lead out was made to the hydrant. The fire was extinguished in both vehicles and the dumpster and the fire was contained from entering the building.

The 13th had red shift respond on an automatic alarm at a hotel. On scene Cmdr. Maher found staff inform him of smoke coming from the furnace room. The fire investigation team determined that smoke was emulating from the elevator mechanical room and the elevator pump had overheated causing the smoke.

Gold shift responded to a fuse box smoking on October 14th. Lt Cesaretti and the crew found power out to half of the building and the panel warm. The power was secured and the panel cover removed. Members found that a breaker was burned and wires were scorched.

Their following shift on the 17th Gold shift was called to the Oasis on the toll way for a person outside unconscious. On scene the engine and ambulance found a person near the picnic area on the ground. After approaching the person they found that he was just taking a nap.

An activated alarm at a hotel had red shift respond on the 20th. Workers on scene stated that it was a false alarm as a worker moving a table accidentally struck a pull station tripping the alarm.

Cmdr. Leiser and Black shift took in an alarm on October 22nd. The investigation revealed that water had gotten into the device setting off the fire alarm.

A Safety officer was requested by Bensenville on October 23rd for a working fire. Cmdr. Maher was the on duty Safety Officer who responded to the scene.

October 25th saw a response to one of the flight kitchens in town. The team found that a pull station here was tripped by movement of one of the in flight carts loaded with food for an international flight.

Gold shift responded the following day to the above location for a fire alarm. On scene they found that an alarm company was working on replacing the damaged pull station from the day before and the monitoring company failed to take the alarm out of service.

Lt. Hatcher and red shift on October 29th took in a car fire on the toll way. The State Trooper used their fire extinguisher to control the fire until the fire department arrived.

By late afternoon on the 29th, Gold shift took in a call for a street light down. On scene a semi-truck making a right turn clipped the light taking it down. H&H electric arrived to make the repair.

Halloween on the 31st had Cmdr. Maher respond as a Safety Officer to Bensenville for a working fire in a commercial building.

November began for the department on the 1st with a truck leaking fuel from its tanks. On scene an emulsifier was applied and the owner was able to get the vehicle moved to a repair shop.

A motor vehicle accident on November 4th had two vehicles

involved. After side swiping one vehicle the car went up on the sidewalk for nearly 200 feet and straddled the tree line along Irving and a business's brick wall. A decorative street light was another casualty.

A language barrier had a response for the possible burning laundry room. On scene on the 5th, gold shift found that it was due to the clothes dryer not having the lint filter cleaned and the dust/lint blowing in the basement. Members explained how to clean the filter and where it was.

A fire in Elmwood Park on the 6th had Cmdr. Leiser respond as the on duty fire investigator. He assisted in the origin and cause investigation in the single family home.

Cmdr. Maher took in his third fire in Bensenville this reporting period on the 6th as the Safety officer.

Red shift assisted a resident on the 7th who was having problems with their oxygen equipment. Members of our department aided with teaching the proper function and operation of the devices.

Lt. Hatcher next responded to a report of a natural gas leak. On scene the shift found that the meter was leaking after it was struck by a vehicle. Members approached the meter and were able to control the leak by shutting off the meter below the leak. A lock out and tag out device was applied and NICOR called. The inside and outside areas were monitored for pockets of gas that might be in the flammable range.

Members were sent to a fire alarm on November 8th at a hotel. As Black shift pulled up they saw evacuation in progress. Cmdr. Leiser was informed that they were practicing a fire drill.

A resident called on the business line stating that there was a fire in the bedroom. Firefighters responded to the location and found that it was a memorial candle in the bedroom for recently deceased son. The candle ignited some pictures nearby and an electrical device. The occupant did

use a wet towel to beat out the fire.

After shift change Gold shift took in a car fire where the engine compartment was fully involved. The trash line was pulled and water applied. The hood was cut with a rotary saw to fully extinguish the fire. Almost 500 gallons of water was used.

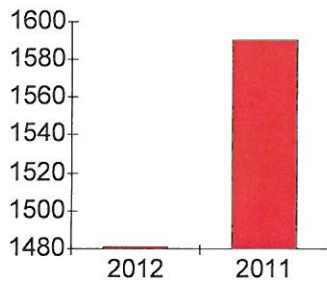
An automatic fire alarm on the 10th had Red shift respond on an automatic fire alarm. On scene red shift found that it was burnt popcorn activating the alarm.

Black shift took over after 0800 hours and responded to wires down. Upon arrival they found sparking wires and fire on the sidewalk. The area was secured with "caution" tape and cones to place in the immediate area until Com Ed arrived.

The last call of the reporting period was for a trouble alarm in a hotel. On scene the engine company found on the 12th a bathtub overflowing on an upper floor, the sixth, and running into a detector on the floor below. Maintenance was on scene trying to clean up and dry out the area. They will replace the detector and reset.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2011:

Total Incidents

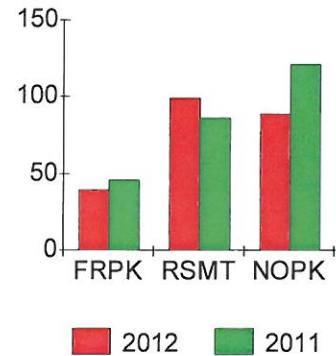


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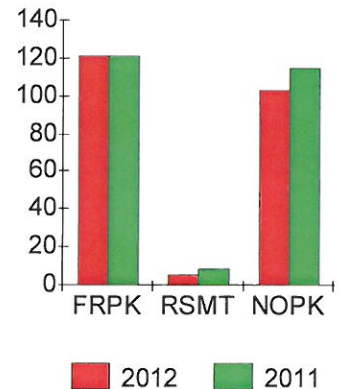
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2012	2011
Total Incidents	1481	1591

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	39	45
Norwood Park (NOPK)	89	121
Rosemont (RSMT)	99	86

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	121	121
Norwood Park (NOPK)	103	115
Rosemont (RSMT)	5	9

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Police and Fire Commission have issued the final Lieutenant List. We congratulate all the members who passed. Six members including FF/PM Chung, Swiontek, Bertoncini, Schneider, LiRosi and Leiser are on the eligibility list.

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

Director Deegan returned from the Illinois Fire Chief's Conference. This is the annual conference to review where we have been and to plan for the future.

The Village recently offered flu shots to its employees. If you were unable to make either session contact Dr. Pappas.

The Foreign Fire Insurance meeting will take place on Wednesday November 28th in the firehouse classroom at 7:30 PM.

Our condolences to the Chicago Fire Department on the recent loss of two Chicago Firefighters. Capt. Herbie Johnson lost his life in a single family dwelling when he was caught in the attic fire and succumbed to his injuries. Members of our department attended the walk through and were a part of the funeral procession. The second was FF Patmon who died of cardiac arrest after fighting a kitchen fire.

We also lost this past month Mr. Don LoHenry. He was a member of the American Legion here in Schiller Park, the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Health board. He was a friend of the fire department and will be greatly missed.

On a lighter note our congratulations to Lt. Hatcher and his wife Karla on the birth of their daughter Ava Cristina born November 12th weighing in at 7 pounds and she was 19 1/2 inches. Mom, baby, dad and her big brother are all excited and happy.

We also would like to welcome new Police Officer Russ Zagorski to the Schiller Park Police Department. He was sworn in on November 13th.

In trying to keep our costs down and going green, if you would rather receive the *Booster Line* via email, please contact Cmdr. Chiodo.

The Horseshoe bar is in the process of being demolished and will be rebuilt. The damage from a fire earlier this year made the structure unsound and unable to use. A new Horseshoe will rise from the ashes. Photos in this issue show the demolition taking place. (See photos)

A single family home on Lawrence, the site of a previous fire in November 2011, has also been razed and will become a parking lot for PSI. (See photos)

POC DiMaggio continues on medical leave and hopes to return within a couple of months.

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.

IDOT is working on several projects in the immediate area. These include road work at United and Mannheim. It

is expected that United parkway will continue eastbound of Mannheim. (See photos)

As development continues in Schiller Park, the old First Chicago/Chase bank at the Schiller Commons has come down to make room for a new Aldi's.

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:

All of our SCBA's have completed their annual testing and servicing. We thank FF/PM Bertoncini our MSA technician for doing the testing.

We also found that two SCBA bottles needed hydro-static testing. This was done by Air-One.

Lt. Budnik coordinated the annual degreasing and greasing of Tower Ladder 5. In the past we sent this out for completion. Lt. Budnik took the training and now this is done in house at a significant saving to the Village.

Black shift also replaced the handle on the maul from tower 5.

Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Gergits completed the annual pump testing in Rosemont on all our pumping apparatus. All successfully completed all NFPA tests.

We have received our gear dryer that was budgeted for in 2013 Budget. We installed the electrical power and it is now operational. It will provide a means of drying bunker gear after washing or when the gear is wet.

Lt. Budnik has ordered new 2 ½ inch hose to standardize all our rigs. It has arrived and will be numbered and stamped prior to be placed in service.

Each shift was also assigned annual maintenance on all motor operated equipment. This involved changing oil, plugs, gas and cleaning.

Members also repaired a damaged halligan bar, scene lights on Squad 5, a damaged engine 5, and shoreline.

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. We will meet again to discuss other updates.

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.

As part of training and teaching department we have partnered with

Northwest Community Hospital with the training of paramedic students. During the past month the two students have ridden several times as observers. It is anticipated that we will have the two new students sometime around October while in paramedic school. FF/PM Bubis and PM Jenkins will be proctoring these students. A new set of guidelines has been developed to evaluate the program including our needs and the students.

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...

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.

New patient cables were placed in service on our Life pak 15's and Life pak 12's on the rigs and in the firehouse.

EMSD Nosek also purchased replacement OB baby kits for our department vehicles.

Members also made a repair to ambulance 5 where it was found a pinched hose and fitting in the "H" tank compartment.

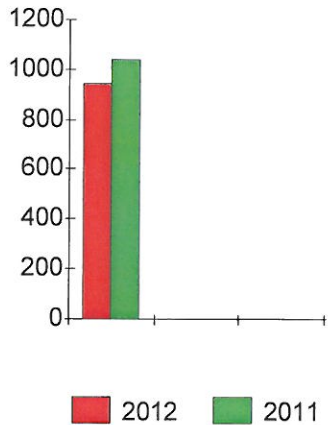
Ambulance 5 also returned from the shops where it was found that 2 cylinders were not firing properly.

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

During the past month personnel responded to 103 emergency calls. A total of 104 patients were encountered. 72 patients were transported to area hospitals. 48 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Responses	946	1037
Cardiac	73	90
Medical Emergency	506	543
Accidents/Trauma	228	197
Fire Responses	129	163
False Alarm/Standby	12	14
Mut. Aid to SHPK	22	32
SHPK to others	32	44

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 adding a 1 inch water line to supply the kitchen and eventually an instant hot water service.

Our new gear dryer was installed after the electrical lines were pulled.

The Village tuck pointed the west wall of the firehouse this past month. The tuck pointers stated that severe gaps existed in the brickwork.

FF/PM Bertoncini built a rack for the weights on the apparatus floor.

An electrical line that was nicked during construction on the apparatus rear floor, had a new service line installed.

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 will also look into replacing the doors in the firehouse with new 6 panel doors. There are 13 doors in the firehouse that will eventually be replaced. To date the entrance to the kitchen, lieutenant office and hallway to laundry room have been replaced.

What's in the works? –

- Second circuit for electric in office
- Completing the deck
- New lights at station 2
- re-do firehouse rear entrance
- 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
- Sta. 6 classroom
- Man station 6
- re-direct second exit stairway

- New high-rise load packing tool
- fully sprinkler the firehouse

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

October Trivia

What is considered to have the greatest fire related loss of life in our history? It consumed an area about twice the size of Rhode Island?

A wild land fire in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan said to be the worst in American history is called the Peshtigo fire.

Lt. Ladonsky (SPPD) and Chief Belmonte (WECH) ret. Answered correctly.

November Trivia

What was the first working fire Tower Ladder 5 fought pumped at and who was the crew?

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 LiRosi completed the State Fire Marshal Structural Collapse Operations class.

FF/PM Hudacek completed the Instructor I State Fire Marshal class.

Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Miletta attended Reading Smoke seminar.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Strike Force Fire Investigators Fall seminar.

FF/PM Bubis attended completed a Basic Evidence Photography class.

FF/PM Hudacek attended a three day Truck Company Operations class.

The department hosted a live propane burning class and hands on training. 35 participants attended.

Office of the State Fire Marshal issued Schiller Park's Fire Department a certificate of completion for all its members completing the Autism Awareness Course.

The Village has also purchased the building at 9826 Lawrence. I am working with the Village Manager to see if we can use this structure for additional training experiences using ground ladders, roof ladders out tower and interior opportunities.

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 323 hours of training for the month with 33 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 5 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 remember to 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.

Remember signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment for being there. If you cannot attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month in honor of Veterans Day, we nominate and acknowledge as our Employee of the Month—FF/PM Solana.

FF/PM Solana has been a member of our department for the last three years. Jeremy also serves with the U.S. Army and has been deployed for two tours of duty during his stay on our department. FF/PM Solana also commits one weekend a month and another two weeks during the summer to serve our country and each of us.

For his service to the community and our Country 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

Members are in the process of completing their 2012 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. We are in the process of finishing those assigned to each shift and completing the re-inspections. To date approximately 375 inspections have been completed with roughly 33 inspections remaining.

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.

For newer members once a class for Fire Prevention opens up you will be enrolled as part of your hiring process.

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 now required of all probationary members. 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.

Notes

Several notes were received for the fire department this past month.

The department thanks go out to POC Quinn who along with the rest of the Division Honor Guard went to Effingham, IL to train their honor guard and other departments in that area.

A thank you FF/PM Farias, FF/PM

Warden and Cmdr. Chiodo who all participated on the runway for the St. Maria Goretti fashion show on November 4th.

A thank you was received from the Lincoln Middle school boosters for our help in participating in the Public Safety vs. 8th grade basketball ball last month.

A resident's daughter thanked the department for all the assistance we gave her mother through the years. Her mother recently moved from Schiller Park to assisted living in Northlake.

Finally we received drawings and notes from the students at the schools for the visits during fire prevention month.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

FF/PM LiRosi coordinated Fire Prevention Month. Thanks to him and the members who helped go to the schools. (See photos)

He also continues to work in training and teaching CPR classes.

FF/PM LiRosi now has a voicemail for Public Education. If any calls come in please forward to his voicemail.

Members participated in a basketball game against the 8th graders. First Responders beat the school team 49-18.

Members from Gold shift participated in the St. Maria Goretti fashion show on November 4th.

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.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

FF/PM LiRosi will begin to collect House Dues for 2013. Please pay him the fee (\$60.00) so that we can continue to buy common supplies for all three shifts.

We also will be supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. If you can help by donating \$10 per member it would be appreciated. The Association has chosen December 9th as our annual Christmas party. Cost is \$15 per adult over age 12. Sign up by December 2nd.

Please support the Association in fundraising with our pop machine and M&M machine in the kitchen.

Retiree Row

If you would like to get an electronic copy of the firehouse via email, please email Cmdr. Chiodo.

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

Congratulations to the Hatchers on the birth of their daughter November 12th. From our family to theirs we wish you a happy prosperous life.

And Finally...

The greatest mistake you can make in life is continually fearing you will make one.

Deadlines

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

! Photos-- Page 7-FF/PM LiRosi speaks during Fire Prevention Month.

Page 8- Top left 9811 Lawrence facing South, Top right-9811 Lawrence facing North, Bottom photos new intersection at Mannheim and United Parkway

