

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 October to mid November. Several usual and unusual calls and incidents occurred as detailed below.

We begin on October 9th when a fire in Elmwood Park on red shift had Fire Investigator J. Leiser respond to assist in the origin and cause of the fire.

Black shift on October 14th responded to the toll way for a vehicle accident. On scene Lt. Hatcher and his shift encountered a semi-truck and PACE bus both involved in the accident. Soon realizing they had multiple patients Lt. Hatcher requested additional ambulances. Our paramedics began triage and transferred care of patients to incoming ambulances.

October 17th a Still Alarm for a structure fire in Franklin Park had Tower Ladder 5 respond with Lt. Hatcher in charge of the crew.

Black shifts next “fire” on October 23rd, was actually put out by Schiller Park Police Officers. Members arrived on scene of a rubbish fire to be told that the patrol officer “stomped” it out. The area was further cooled by FF/PM Dehmow with 4 gallons of water.

An automatic fire alarm in an apartment building on October 25th, found Gold shift arrive and find the Pull Station yanked off the wall. No fire was detected and the owner was advised to have repaired and re-installed.

October 27th had a call for the

ambulance. At this location the person would not let in fire and EMS personnel. Fearing a problem, members gained entry with the “W” tool and transported to Gottlieb hospital.

A “Life Alert” alarm was received on October 28th. FF/PM Schneider arrived with the engine and ambulance to find a surprised resident who accidentally set off the alarm.

After shift change Gold shift took in a semi truck leaking fuel. At the location members found the truck had its fuel tank ruptured on the toll way and he got off at Irving and pulled into an industrial area. All total he lost approximately 100 gallons of diesel. Members of the fire department, police department and Public Works all worked together to make all roadways safe from the slickness on all roads. Notifications were made to all appropriate agencies to ensure that the site was properly cleaned and “spiller pay” was in place.

After picking up from the previous call, dispatched toned out fire companies for thick black smoke coming from the roof of a structure. When companies pulled up to the structure they realized they were at the crematorium in town and the business was in “operation”. The owner of the company apologized for the call out.

A fire alarm on the third floor of an apartment building on November 1st had Black shift send their fire investigative team into action. The crew encountered smoke on the third floor which was traced to a unit where the resident over cooked food in the microwave. Franklin Park ladder 2 assisted with ventilating the building.

November 2nd and a call from the Toll Way Authority for a rollover accident. Black shift found on the off ramp a rolled over vehicle and worked with our ambulance to treat the person and transport.

Cmdr. Cesaretti and Red shift took in a fire alarm on November 5th in an apartment building. When they arrived they were met by plumbers who were sealing pipes. The plumber informed our members that the heat set off the detector in the hallway.

Schiller Park Police again assisted the fire department in putting out a fire on November 7th when they found smoldering mulch and brush. The patrol officers put it out and had the fire department finish washing down the area.

A three car fire occurred on November 9th in the parking lot of one of our businesses. The first car on fire ignited the second and third cars from Radiated heat. Gold shift used 400 gallons of water to quench the fires. Cmdr. Chiodo and Lt. Swiontek investigated the fire with interviews and watching the surveillance tape.

Shortly after returning to quarter a fire in a motel in Leyden sent our Tower Ladder to the scene of the working fire. Members were assigned the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) role.

The final call of this shift was a fire alarm in a hotel. Members ascended the stairs to the fifth floor where they found maintenance spray painting in the hall and set off the detector.

November 10th had NORCOMM tone out for fire investigators to Elmwood Park for the structure fire. Two fire investigators responded as part of the Division team.

Two days later, November 12th, a fire in an apartment building in Elmwood Park had them request a Fire Box Alarm and an EMS Box Alarm. Schiller Park Engine 5 changed quarters to Elmwood Park where they covered their town including taking in an ambulance call for them.

After midnight Gold shift then took in a dumpster fire behind a condo complex. Just over 200 gallons of water put out the fire.

Engine 5 returned to quarters, filled their tank with water while NORCOMM toned out another fire in Leyden in a single family home. It was upgraded to a "working fire" response when the owner, a mother reported 'that there was a fire and she was going back in for her kids'. Chief 21 assigned Tower Ladder 5 as RIT.

Cmdr. Leiser's shift on November 13th took in a fire alarm in our town where they were met by the building engineer who said they turned on an industrial oven and it overheated generating so much smoke it set off the alarm.

The next call was for residents not feeling well. Engine 5 got to the scene of the apartment dwelling and determined it was a carbon monoxide call. Monitors found 20 ppm around the stove and transported one person.

November 14th found Gold shift take in an automatic fire alarm. After checking the annunciator panel which indicated a lower level detector, a worker came running with his walkie talkie and telling Cmdr. Chiodo that another worker was radioing him that she had smoke on the lower level and saw flames. Cmdr. Chiodo initiated a Working Fire response because of the below grade fire and difficulty in gaining access and venting. Lt. Budnik and the fire investigative team found smoke banking down from the ceiling about two feet and continued to locate the source of the smoke and possible fire. Franklin Park and Norwood Park made their way to the lower level to help with pump cans while Leyden made the sprinkler connection and Rosemont assumed the RIT position. The area of origin was determined to be a waste paper basket.

A witnessed rollover early this evening found a car traveling at a high rate of speed plowed into a light pole knocking it over, through a chain link fence and rolling over several times before coming to a rest. The

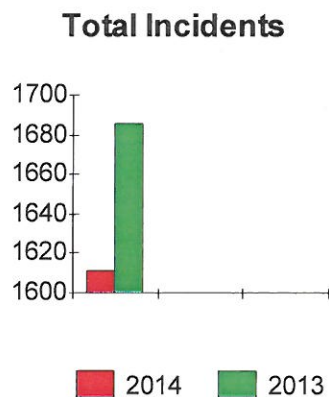
driver miraculously crawled out of the car and ran home before police located him. The driver was eventually taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Companies returned to quarters in service from this rollover to be toned out for a garage fire in Norwood Park. Tower Ladder 5 performed salvage and overhaul assisting Norwood Parks crew. The owner had a wood burning stove in the garage that ignited nearby combustibles.

Sgt. Scheib on patrol noted a fire strobe going off at the same time the fire department was dispatched for the fire alarm at the same location. Entering the business the owner was embarrassed as they were preparing food for the next day and left a pop on the stove with the gas/fire on and nothing in the pot. The alarm was reset and companies returned to quarters.

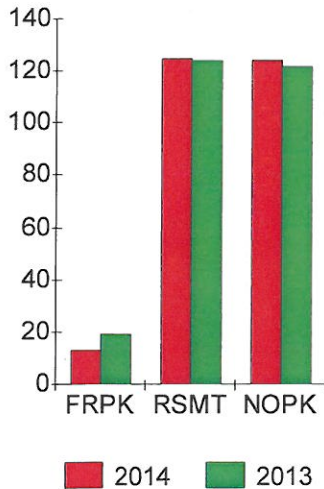
The last call of this reporting period was for a cube truck fire on the toll way November 17th. Red shift took it in at the 33 mile marker where a fully involved cab and engine fire was found. Lt. Budnik stretched a 1 ¾ inch line and in line had Squad 5 pump into them. 1,000 gallons of water controlled the fire. The driver thought the brakes had locked up causing the fire.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2013:



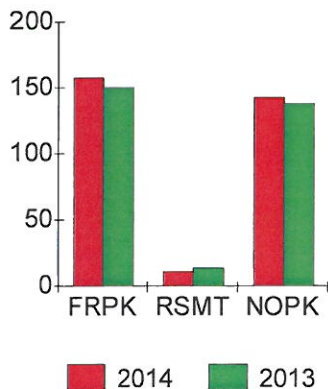
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Incidents	1611	1686

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	13	19
Norwood Park (NOPK)	124	122
Rosemont (RSMT)	125	124

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	157	150
Norwood Park (NOPK)	143	138
Rosemont (RSMT)	11	13

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

Probationary FF/PM Kady and FF/PM Jackson continue the fire academy at NIPSTA. They will graduate December 12th.

The Fire and Police Commission continue with establishing a new hire list with the Orals during November. 6 candidates have advanced to the Oral interviews.

Cmdr. Leiser returned to work November 1st after undergoing hip surgery.

The Village is hosting a Holiday Luncheon on the apparatus floor on December 19th from noon to three. Please stop by to wish your fellow workers a joyous season.

The promotional reading list for Lieutenant is posted. The books are being kept in the Lieutenants Office. Please do not remove them from the firehouse. We ask that you fill out the check out log created by Cmdr. Cesaretti for the books. A letter of intent is to be turned in by December 31st with the written January 20th and Orals February 17th.

The Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting will be held November 26th. The agenda is posted for proposed purchases, nominations and by law changes.

The Des Plaines Fire Department finalized their new Box Cards as part of Red Center. Our engine is due on certain grids. Refer to the Cards in the Kitchen Box Card Log.

Our congratulations to FF/Pm Niemand the Firefighter of the Year.

The Firefighters Association hosted a retirement party for Cmdr. Maher and EMSD Nosek at the Great Escape on October 17th. The Association has decided to host retirement parties once a year for all who retired in the preceding year. The party will be held during the month of October. (see photos).

The Village hosted a Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast November 9th. We worked with the Boy Scouts to salute our Veterans at the Community Center entertaining nearly 30 Veterans.

The Toll Way Authority is working on paving the access roads and parking lots at the Oasis. This will limit access both north and southbound. It is expected to be completed soon.

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. 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:

Tower Ladder 5 had its rear tire repaired after coming in through the back alley a discarded piece of junk metal with a bolt pierced and punctured the tread.

Tony Calefati replaced the dual batteries on Battalion 5 as part of preventive maintenance. It is back in service.

Tony also repaired an air leak on Engine 5 where he found a blown "O" ring.

Other happenings this past month include the return of two SCBA's from Air One that needed repair along with calibrating one of our monitors.

FF/PM Bubis installed an all weather speaker on the outside of the firehouse.

Members also re-cycled old lighting fixtures by placing surplus lights in the part time locker room. The old units were shot and needed more work than they were worth. The former lighting units were in storage in our loft.

The Lieutenant office received a new computer. This is the first computer in that office that was not a hand me down from another office. All programs and information have been transferred to the new machine.

Members are also working on adding additional electrical outlets to the

exterior for Christmas decorations and other seasonal decorations.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Ambulance 5 (463) has been taken out of service so that an on board suction unit can be added per the Illinois Department of Public Health inspection. The ambulance should be back in service by our next issue.

The Blood Pressure cuff on Ambulance 6 was repaired and is back in service.

Tony Calefati also made a repair on Ambulance 6 to the oxygen leak in the ceiling.

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.

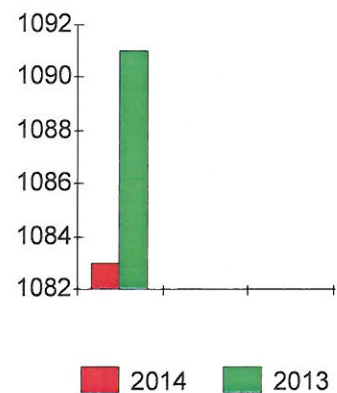
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

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 115 emergency calls. A total of 103 patients were encountered. 77 patients were transported to area hospitals. 47 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Responses	1083	1091
Cardiac	77	68
Medical Emergency	518	551
Accidents/Trauma	280	289
Fire Responses	193	172
False Alarm/Standby	3	11
Mut. Aid to SHPK	33	41
SHPK to others	35	46

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 tiles on the wall in the kitchen will soon be grouted. After that the kitchen will be re-painted.

Members are also complete with exterior electrical service for seasonal decorations in both the front and rear of the firehouse.

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

October Trivia

What is a hydrant pump used for?

A hydrant pump is used to remove the water from the barrel of the fire hydrant so that it does not freeze. This is in addition to the drain that is at the bottom of the barrel.

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

November Trivia

What is the longest running public health and safety observance on record?

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 Kady and Jackson continue the NIPSTA fire academy they graduate December 12th.

Probationary Firefighters Velesco, Dehmlow, Kady, Loch, Jackson and Leao continue their probation.

An Incident Safety Officer class will be held for the division March 9-13, 2015.

A Health Safety Officer class will be held January 19-23, 2015.

Cmdr. Chiodo and FF/Pm Leiser attended the Fall Fire Investigators seminar.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Fall Illinois Fire Alliance Seminar.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Com Ed Joint Operation Center Training. A FAQ flier on smart meters is included in this *Booster Line* issue.

FF/Pm Bertocini completed Module 3 of the Fire Investigation program through the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Santiago completed Instructor I through the State Fire Marshal program.

We received an updated list of Haz Mat clean up contractors from the MWRD. A master copy has been placed in Engine 5 and Battalion 5.

Members also completed the driving practicals that are given during the Fire Service Vehicle Operator class. If you would like to take the classroom portion or State exam, see Cmdr. Leiser. (see pictures).

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.

Members completed 273 hours of training for the month with 26 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 4 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.

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Employee of the Year

This month we acknowledge FF/PM Niemand as our Employee of the Year.

FF/PM Niemand was recommended by his peers for writing the Fire Prevention Inspectional program that has replaced all our paper forms. He also was instrumental putting ipads into the inspectors hands and following up with all three shifts. He helped developed drop boxes and a near total electronic method for gathering and storing information. This is only one component in his

vision for the fire prevention bureau. The Lions Club of Schiller Park honored him at a reception/dinner along with Police Officer of the Year Sgt. Mark DiCosola on November 12th. The Village also recognized other outstanding volunteers at this dinner.

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 are in the home stretch with 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.

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.

The toll way continues to work on their parking lots. Please be aware that access is limited.

A major renovation is underway at 9950 Lawrence. The lower level beneath the parking lot once occupied by TCF bank and Westwood College has been demolished and is returning to its former self a parking garage. (see

photos). Our fire prevention bureau is working to make sure that it is sprinklered and exhausted.

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 storz 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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

FF/PM Schneider and FF/Pm Warden attended a new class for Fire and Life Safety Education. This is offered through the State Fire Marshal for certification.

We worked with the Village and Scouts to honor our veterans on November 9th at a pancake breakfast or the Community Center. (see photos)

Red shift attended the Veteran Day

concerts from all three schools on November 11th.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town. (see photos)

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

EMSD Nosek (ret.) and Cmdr. Maher had their retirement parties October 17th at the Great Escape. (see photos).

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.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association played in a fundraiser against the Lincoln Middle School basketball team. The firemen won!

Stork Report

We have four firefighters and their wives expecting babies in the next several months-- FF/PM Schneider and his wife (twins), FF/PM Bubis and FF/PM Jackson are all expecting babies.

FF/Pm Dehmlow and his wife welcomed Maelin Parker at 6 pounds and 19 ½ inches. Congrats!

Letters and Notes

A note was received from School District 81 thanking members for the Fire Prevention classes taught the children at Kennedy during October.

The students from Kennedy's different grade letters also send thank-you's and pictures to the firefighters who visited.

A letter and thanks were also received from Project Heart Well to the fire department on our support of their cause.

Our last note came from EMSD Nosek (ret.) thanking the members for the retirement party and gift. He sent a photo of his Axe mounted in his study. (see photo)

And Finally...

Everything that is done in nthe world is done by hope. |

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.

Page 7- Veterans enjoy the 2nd Annual Veteran's Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center.

Page 8- Cmdr. Maher and EMSD Nosek are presented with commemorative axes at their retirement party. Ricks' Axe mounted in his study

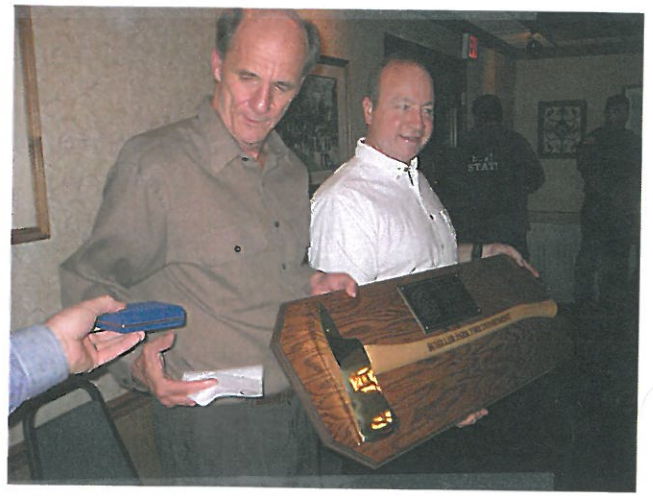
Page 9- Fire Extinguisher Training in the schools during Fire Prevention Month

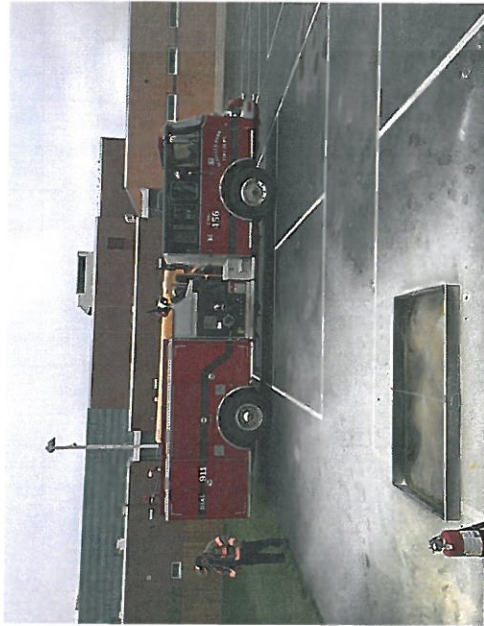
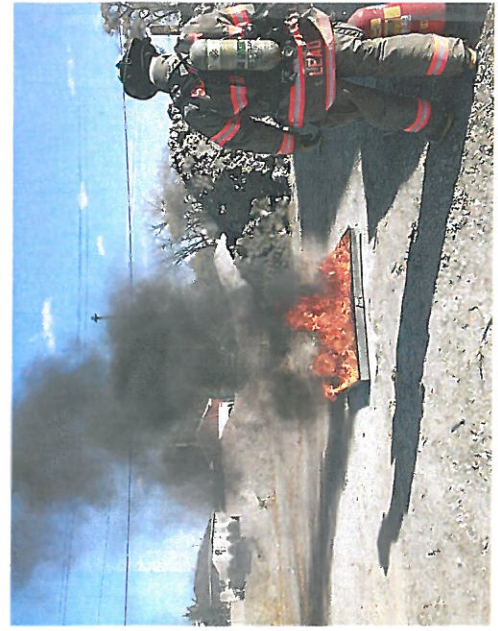
Page 10- members all participate in the driver course for the Fire Service vehicle Operator.

Page 11 –Firefighter of the Year FF/PM Adam Niemand and Police Officer of the Year Sgt. Mark DiCosola at their presentation dinner.

Page 12- Fire Department FAQ concerning emergency response and the new Smart Meters that Com Ed is installing throughout Schiller Park.











Use of Smart Meter Remote Disconnect Switch for Public Safety Issues- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This FAQ document provides the answers to critical questions as they relate to the Smart Meter Remote Disconnect Switch as well as the Remote Connect/Disconnect program overall. In reading through this document, one should be able to understand what to expect and what processes are executed when power at a residential single-service premise is connected or disconnected.

Use of Smart Meter Remote Disconnect Switch for Public Safety Issues FAQ

1. **What type of premises can the remote switch be used to disconnect power?**
 - The remote switch is only available for remote-capable Smart Meters.
 - ✓ Smart meters are equipped with a switch that can be opened and closed remotely, giving the ability to remotely connect or disconnect service.
 - ✓ Currently the plan is to only utilize the remote disconnect for single-service residential premises.

 2. **Will I call the same ComEd number?**
 - **Yes** – The way you contact ComEd remains the same as today.

 3. **Is there additional information that will need to be provided to ComEd when we make the request to drop service?**
 - **No** – The OCC (Operations Command Center) will be able to identify if the premise can be remotely disconnected. The OCC will inform the municipal representative if RCD is available and confirm the power has been disconnected at the smart meter.

 4. **How will I know that the electric service is off?**
 - The OCC will reach out to your point of contact provided by the initial call (normally your dispatcher) to advise that the service has been disconnected at the meter.
 - You will also be able to tell based on the display on the meter which will state "Open" meaning that we have remotely opened the switch to stop the flow of electric to the premise.
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5. **Will a ComEd trouble man still come out to the premise?**
 - **Yes** – An OES (Overhead Electrician Specialist) will still be dispatched to the premise just in case the electric at the premise is to remain off.
 - If the electric is to remain off the OES will follow normal procedure and remove the service drop and/or meter.

 6. **What happens if we determine that the electricity can be turned back on?**
 - If the service can be turned back on and the meter was remotely disconnected, the OCC with approval of the authorized municipal authority will be able to remotely activate the switch to turn power back on. If for any reason the service drop was taken down, it will require an OES to restore the service.

 7. **What happens if the electricity remains off?**
 - If the service is left off, the property owner will need to contact ComEd after the municipality's inspection process has been completed as required to have service restored.