

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 22nd when Red shift responded to a call for a person locked out of their car. FF/Pm Rupsis in charge on the engine with his crew were able to make access with no damage to the car.

A Halloween party on October 24th set off a smoke detector and had fire crews respond. Some guests thought the firefighters were in costume and coming to the party.

October 25th saw Black shift take in a call for wires down. On scene the shift found that the wires were along the street and not live. These wires powered the street lights. Notifications were made to have repairs done.

The Schiller Park Police Department requested assistance on October 27th for the wash down of an accident. Approximately 100 gallons were used to clear the road.

The following day on the 28th members responded to an automatic fire alarm. When they arrived at the hotel the manager stated that a detector in the bathroom was tripped when they were steam cleaning the unit.

Lt. Leiser was the on duty fire investigator on October 29th when he was requested to respond to the Box alarm in Broadview for the structure fire. Lt. Leiser helped with the origin and Cause.

November 3rd saw Red shift take in a call for a carbon monoxide detector making noise. Members checked and monitored the area and found no problems.

An activated fire alarm on November 4th at a hotel found the staff indicate that they thought they saw smoke coming from the vent. The firefighters investigation revealed that a blower motor malfunctioned and the unit was shut off until maintenance staff could repair.

A call from a resident stated that they heard an alarm going off all day in an adjacent unit. Police knocked at the door with no answer. The fire department responded and used the “W” tool to make entry unsuccessfully. A ladder was then used to gain entry through a window. No problems were found and our police officers secured the unit.

While returning from a special detail, B/C Hatcher found a downed motorcyclist in the middle of the intersection. He requested our engine and ambulance to respond.

While returning from an automatic aid call for a fire alarm in Norwood Park November 8th, Schiller Park units were diverted to another call in Norwood Park for an accident with injuries. Battalion 5 and Tower Ladder 5 arrived on the scene and were met by Chicago Fire Department members. Tower Ladder 5 began extrication of the passenger in the rear seat. Battalion 5 then requested ambulance 5 to the scene for transport. Chicago extricated the second person all who were transported to Level I trauma centers. (see photos).

November 10th had Engine 5 take in a dumpster fire. On scene the shift found no dumpster fire but the smoke emulating from a generator in the area near the dumpster.

Lt. Swiontek and Black shift took in a fire alarm in one of our hotels Veterans Day November 11th. The Incident Commander was met by the staff who indicated the cause was a burnt muffin in the microwave.

A call to the toll way on November 13th came in as a state trooper injured. On scene the engine soon found that the state trooper was injured during a domestic on the toll

way where one of the persons in the car was fighting with his wife and crashed into a guard rail then the trooper and he got into a scuffle. The man eventually fled the scene leaving an injured trooper and five additional victims. An EMS Box Alarm was called and Battalion 5 and Chief Chiodo responded. Ambulances from Rosemont, Franklin Park and Norwood Park all responded. The offender who ran away then took a hostage and barricaded himself in Franklin Park.

Gold shift was dispatched to a possible structure fire on November 13th. Members pulled up to the scene of a 150 X 200 warehouse with nothing showing. The caller said they saw smoke coming from the rear. Further investigation found that the smoke was from a cheese smoking process that the business uses for their product.

Gold shifts next call was in a hotel for a fire alarm on the 4th floor. The fire investigation team found that there was some burnt bread in one of the rooms on the 4th floor triggering the alarm.

Black shift on the 15th took in a gas leak call in a residence. The engine company monitored the area and located the leak near the gas valve in the basement. It was also determined that the basement was an illegal residence.

November 17th had a call for the smell of smoke in a car. When members arrived on scene they found a Schiller Park Police car with the odor of smoke. When the engine compartment was checked it appeared to be overheating.

A call from Leyden on November 18th was for manpower assist. The need for additional personnel was for a person in the water. Battalion 5 was assigned downstream and Tower Ladder 5 was assigned to staff a throw bag safety line. Ambulance 5 was on stand by. A ¼ mile search of the creek by divers came up negative.

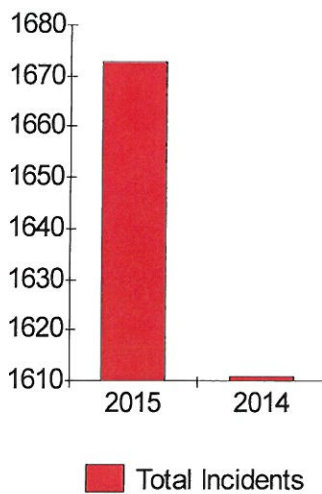
A third party call for a medical alert by

a resident had paramedics respond. On scene the resident told paramedics that she accidentally set off the alarm.

The next and last call for this reporting period was on November 19th for a fire alarm where the broken pull station tripped the fire alarm. The alarm was taken out of service until it could be repaired.

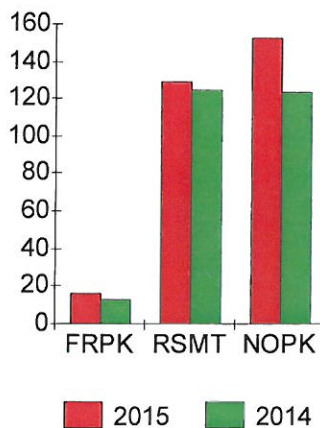
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Total Incidents



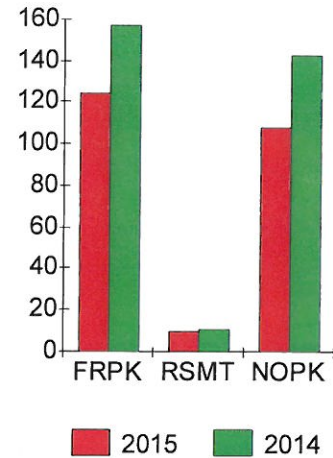
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	1673	1611

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	16	13
Norwood Park (NOPK)	152	124
Rosemont (RSMT)	129	125

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	124	157
Norwood Park (NOPK)	108	143
Rosemont (RSMT)	10	11

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Village honored the Veterans of our country with a Pancake Breakfast on November 8th at the Community Center. All Vets and their families were welcome. The Knights of Columbus prepared breakfast and the firefighters assisted in serving breakfast. (see photos)

The Operations Division was asked

by the Lions Club for its nomination for Firefighter of the Year. After reviewing all the supporting documentation, it was unanimously decided that FF/PM Blaine Schneider. Some of his accomplishments are President of the Firefighters Association, President of the Pension Board and Co-Director of the Public Relations Division. A dinner honoring Blaine and his Police Counterpart was held at the Four Points on November 16th. (see photos).

A revision was completed on our SOG 202.03 concerning ambulance responsibilities on calls. Each member was issued a copy. We have also standardized abbreviations for use in NIFIRS reports. This will provide for consistency so that everyone is not using their own abbreviations.

Thanks to the members who helped with both the Veterans Breakfast and Pumpkin Smash.

We also were able to confer the title of *Commodore* on Brian Bursiek. This honor was bestowed by Lionel Ritchie and Peter Chiodo to be in charge of our naval fleet for the Village.

The Toll Way is considering widening the toll way to possibly 5 lanes across from 95th street in Oak Lawn to Balmoral. They are currently reviewing the options.

Another proposal in Rosemont at Balmoral and Pearl includes a baseball stadium for a minor league team. They also plan a new hotel and shopping complex will occupy the site requiring the re-location of Pearl street further West closer to the Rosemont METRA station. We will have to see how this impacts our access to Schiller Park businesses on Pearl.

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:

It was found that one of our SCBA bottles was in need of a repair. It was taken care of and returned to service.

Our mechanic Tony Calefati also found that two of our vehicles were in need of tires. New tires were installed on Squad 5 (453) and Battalion 5 (451).

Car 5 (458) also returned from Johnson signs where it was lettered to match all of our fleet. (see photos).

The electrical issues that Engine 5 (455) was experiencing went out to Global and have been addressed. Engine 5 is now back in service.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

This past month we had Physio come out and service each of our Life Pak monitors and the Village AED's.

Lt. Swiontek ordered a new cot mattress for Ambulance 6 per the IDPH and NWCH inspections. It is now on the ambulance.

FF/PM Schneider has stepped down as the representative for Schiller Park on the Education Committee at NWCH. Blaine will focus his time and energy in Public Relations along with FF/PM Warden. Blaine is being replaced by FF/PM Zydlo on the Education EMS Committee..

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. We will soon have Connie Mattera from NWCH come in and explain their model. 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

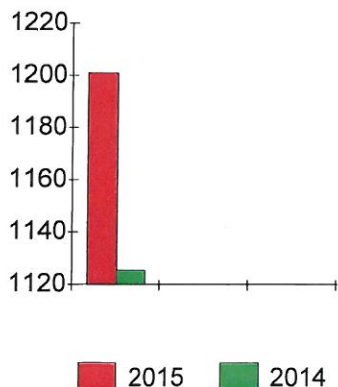
paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 137 emergency calls. A total of 139 patients were encountered. 76 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	137	1201
ALS Transports	55	489
BLS Transports	21	254
Refusals/MPR's	42	251
Other Non Transports	1	36
Fire Responses	18	169
CPR Students taught	17	166
Mut. Aid to SHPK	0	37
SHPK to others	4	51

2 car seats were inspected

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).

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

From Lake Michigan to the western border of Cook County how many firehouses have their addresses on Irving Park Road?

There are three firehouses with addresses on Irving Park Road, Schiller Park (E-5), Itasca (E-66) and Streamwood (T-32).

There were no correct answers this month.

November Trivia

Who was the first officer on the scene of the Great Chicago Fire who later went on to command companies at the Iroquois Theater Fire?

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.

Chief Chiodo and B/C Cesaretti attended the Division 20 Training Officers meeting.

Chief Chiodo attended the Strike Force Fire Investigators seminar in Hoffman Estates.

Chief Chiodo attended the Division 20 Chiefs meeting in Melrose Park.

FF/PM Niemand attended the Surface Transportation Emergency Preparedness class at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Blum continues at the NIPSTA fire academy.

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Budnik completed the Tactics and Strategy II class at NIPSTA.

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Budnik completed the Leadership III program as part of the Fire Officer II program with the State Fire Marshal.

All department members completed a 3 hour Rail Emergency Response class with the CN rail instructor and Hazardous Materials Officer.

FF/Pm Santiago completed Rope Technician at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Dehmlow completed Hazardous Materials Technician A and B at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Miletta completed Truck Company Operations at NIPSTA.

The Training Division has acquired the property at 3999 25th (HPC) to do training prior to being sold. We trained there the first two weeks of November.

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

B/C Cesaretti 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 258 hours of training for the month with 23 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 B/C. 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.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge several members as our employees of the month.

Our first employee is B/C Cesaretti who set up training with the CN rail. Every member was able to benefit from re-enforcing knowledge of hazardous materials to learning the ins and outs of tank and rail cars. This was brought to our department at no cost for 30 members to be trained.

FF/PM Dehmlow is our second employee who after going to Hazardous Materials school brought back information on doing the correct conversion calibrations for all of our multi gas monitors.

Our third employee is FF/PM Miletta for creating the power point presentation for Fire Prevention Month for our students.

For your time and dedication we thank you as Employee of the Month.

Congratulations!

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 Chief 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 388 inspections with 26 inspections remaining.

A Powerrack 10 charging station for the Ipads used in fire prevention was donated by Bretford Manufacturing. It is located in the Fire Prevention Bureau office. This was a generous gift and we are appreciative.

The State Fire Marshal is looking into having all inspectors do continuing education to remain certified. We are monitoring this and what constitutes training hours. One way it seems is to attend seminars and monthly training sessions.

B/C Hatcher continues to do plan review for businesses. These include their fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems and building alterations.

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.

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

A Lunch with the Firefighters was donated to Leyden Family Services for their fundraiser on November 13th. It raised for Leyden Family Services over \$100 at auction.

FF/PM Warden will take over writing articles for the Schillergram from the fire department. FF/PM Leao will be our liaison with keeping current messages for the Village marquee.

New policies are being developed for firehouse tours. A draft set will be available shortly.

Guidelines have been set up for Public Relations relative to Block Parties, Bonfires and visits. Please consult these guidelines prior to engagements and provide parties with these before their event.

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.

Emergency Management

B/C Leiser is working on updating all of our NIMS certification as well as the compliancy of all Village employees.

An Incident Action Plan (IAP) was created and implemented for the Pumpkin Smash November 6th. We will create IAP's for all Village events. (see photos).

A class will be held shortly for all members in writing Incident Action

Plans. These are now being required in more and more events.

We are also reviewing and making changes to the Village Disaster Plan. We are looking to have in the new budget a mobile trailer for our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and supplies.

We have also updated the Pharmaceutical list that was submitted to Cook County.

We are working with the Village Grant writer for a grant from Firehouse subs for a fire extinguisher training prop.

We also understand that November 1st was the opening for the next Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the federal government. Please submit your ideas so we can pare them down and then submit. We did not get our last grant.

Retiree Row

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.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association will be hosting its annual Christmas Party on December 13th at the Great Escape from 11:00A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Cost is \$10.00 per person with children under 16 free. Please remember to be a Santa helper if you are bringing your children. Sign up ends November 30th please see Dee.

FF/PM Neimand has worked on getting a new pop machine. We thank him for the luxury and the work he did in obtaining the machine.

Stork Report

We have heard that the stork is circling one of our firefighters homes.

The stork is expected to deliver a little bundle of joy to the Velasco's December 2015! Congratulations to the future first time Mom and Dad!!!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

Thank you were received from the following persons:

A note from Bear necessities was received thanking the Association for the support in fundraising this past Summer.

Leyden Family Services thanked the fire department for the donation of Lunch with the Firefighters. It raised over \$100 at the fundraiser.

A thank you was received from both mayor Piltaver and Sandra Rosario, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, thanking the members who helped out with the Pumpkin Smash.

And Finally...

Remember, no matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow.

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 Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

The Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability.

Page 7- Schiller Park Fire Department members participate in Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast.

Page 8 – Crash on I-294 where driver eventually takes hostage. Pictures from Schiller Park Fire Department Open House.

Page 9- Crash on East River Road requiring extrication by both Chicago and Schiller Park.

Page 10- Car 5 (458) repainted and re-lettered.

Page 11- Training at HPC

Page 12- Top Photo- Firefighter of the Year Blaine Schneider and Police Officer of the Year Brian Norris pose with Village Board





