

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 December 12th when Gold shift was called to an apartment for the person locked in the bathroom. The lock malfunctioned and the tenant could not get out. Gold shift members were able to manipulate the door to rescue the occupant.

December 14th saw Gold shift return to action when requested to respond to the toll way for an accident with injuries. B/C Hatcher arrived with the platoon and realized that one person would need extrication from the rear seat. Rosemont’s ambulance was requested to the scene for additional patients.

The following day on the 15th Black shift responded to smoke in the building. On scene the first report was of a single family home with ordinary construction, nothing showing. The engine crew went into the structure and found a light haze in the basement and an electrical smell. Members used their thermal imaging camera to try and locate the heat source.

After shift change Lt. Budnik and his crew took in a call from an apartment complex for a smoke detector going off. Forcible entry was made into the unit and a smoke detector was found chirping in the bedroom with the humidifier running in the room.

Gold shift on the 17th had a fire alarm in a multi family unit. B/C Hatcher and the shift met maintenance workers who indicated that they were sanding some wood and set off the fire alarm.

Their next fire call was in a restaurant for a fire alarm. Arriving they were told this was an inadvertant call as

someone knocked into a Pull Station tripping it. The system was reset by fire personnel.

December 19th had Gold platoon take in a report of smoke from the oven in an apartment. The resident of the unit on scene stated that she had used a candle to light the oven then placed the candle in a drawer next to the oven. The hot candle ignited paper in the drawer. Minor damage occurred to the drawer and ventilation was performed for the residual smoke.

Gold shift on December 22nd took in a motor vehicle accident. On scene Lt. Leiser found two vehicles involved with one on its roof. Incident Commander Hatcher requested a second ambulance to the scene. Engine 5 then washed down the scene with approximately 100 gallons of water.

Christmas Eve saw a multi-vehicle accident on the toll way. Franklin Park ambulance 2 was requested for further assistance.

Black shift on December 29th took in a rescue call for a person trapped in an elevator on the third floor. The power was shut off to the elevator and members used an elevator key to gain access. The persons were removed and the elevator was locked out and tagged until repair personnel could arrive.

Red shift December 31st was dispatched to a fire alarm. Upon arrival they found the building being evacuated and the alarm panel indicated it was coming from the 7th floor. After hiking to the 7th floor members found a pull box tripped for no apparent reason.

The year 2015 ended with a call from the Westchester Fire Department requesting an Investigator on the Box alarm. Lt. Leiser the on duty investigator responded to help with the origin and cause.

2016 began for our department on the 1st with Gold shift responding to Rosemont for a person stuck I the elevator.

After Black shift relieving Gold,

members responded to a reported structure fire. Dispatch radioed Battalion 5 that it was micro-wave in a unit of the hotel. On scene members found evacuation in progress and smoke in the hallway. Arriving at the target room they found heavy smoke in the room but no fire. The micro-wave was smoking and it was de-energized. Members our both our truck company and Franklin Park Truck 2 ventilated and checked the units above this one.

January 3rd had Gold shift respond mutual aid to Elmwood Park for a working structure fire. Our engine was assigned as the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) by command until the fire was struck out. This was followed by an investigators Box Alarm where FF/PM Bubis responded to the scene.

An automatic fire alarm on January 4th had members respond to a two story ordinary construction apartment building. The occupant met arriving members and said there was a fire in the bathroom ceiling fan on the second floor. Franklin Park brought in their pump can and Schiller Park opened up the ceiling around the fan to find heavy charring.

At a hotel on January 6th, Red shift responded for a fire alarm. The platoon found maintenance tell them that soldering on the fifth floor set off the alarm.

Black shift was dispatched to a fire alarm on January 8th. Arriving the occupant informed the fire investigative crew that they had burnt popcorn in the microwave setting off the detector.

After returning to quarters Rosemont Battalion 13, on a potential Haz Mat scene in their town, requested B/C Leiser and Battalion 5 to the scene for advise.

The shift then responded to a six vehicle pile-up on the toll way with moderate to heavy damage.

Red shift relieved Black shift and took in a carbon monoxide call. The carbon monoxide detector near the

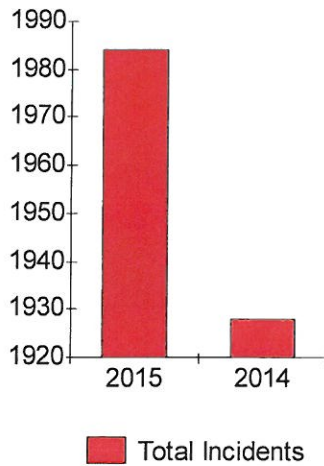
furnace was going off and fire department monitors indicated elevated levels of 60 ppm. Lt. Budnik requested the battalion Chief to the scene. Further investigation found levels near the garage of 360 ppm. The owner showed members the garage where they saw a motorcycle. Asked if he was running it he indicated he was running it for a little while in the closed garage. Ventilated both the ho0use and garage to safe levels.

January 10th had Gold shift respond to an apartment complex for a fire alarm. The fire investigative team noted a smell similar to burnt food in the building. Check the apartments member discovered burnt food in one of the apartments.

The last call of this reporting period occurs on January 10th with a motor vehicle accident. Gold shift found a SUV run into a light pole in a parking lot.

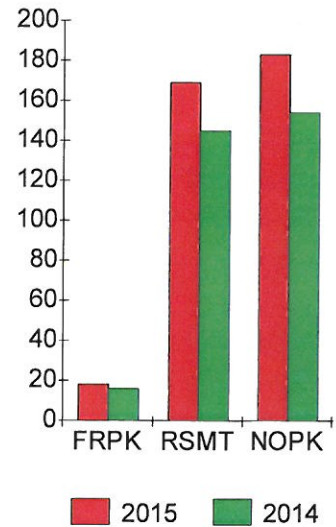
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Total Incidents



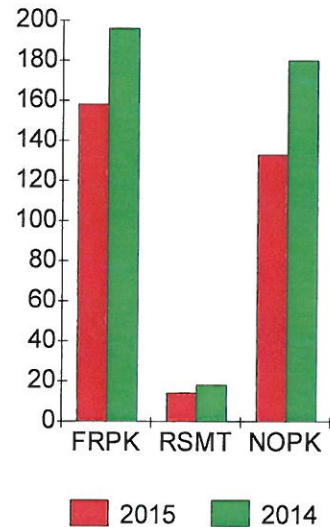
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	1984	1928

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	18	16
Norwood Park (NOPK)	183	154
Rosemont (RSMT)	169	145

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	158	196
Norwood Park (NOPK)	133	180
Rosemont (RSMT)	14	18

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

This past month the fire service lost a firefighter locally in the line of duty. FF/PM Kenneth Harris of the Oak Park Fire Department died January 11, 2016. Members of our Department attended the wake services for him.

The second lost was to FF Murbach (ret.) and his wife Sheri (former PT Schiller Park paramedic). They lost Ken Semerau father of Sheri and Father-in-law to Bob. Members attended the wake services

The third loss to our department occurred to FF/PM Bertocini family with the loss of his grandmother. May they all rest in peace.

Many of you have probably noticed by now that Callback Staffing has changed its name to Crewsense. Please be aware of this should you receive a text.

Howard Moser has left the Village of Schiller Park as the Public Works Director. Howard has taken another position in another community. We thank him for all that he made happen and contributed. Applications are out

for his replacement and until one is appointed, Joe Blum, foreman of Streets, and Mario Jos, foreman of Water Dept. will run the respective sections of Public Works.

As the 2017 budget is being prepared we are requesting a replacement for our ladder truck. We have had the opportunity to view two vendors. We will continue to work with the Village and the budget process to see if this becomes a reality.

Our College rider has completed her project on the Schiller Park Fire Department and submitted her paper and project to Augustana College. Copies of her report are available

The Foreign Fire Insurance fund held its meeting this past month. Both the minutes and a financial report can be obtained from Lt. Budnik.

After a water rescue incident in town, FF/PM Santiago made several recommendations. He is working on updating policy pertaining to these type of incidents. We have added additional personnel floatation devices (PFD[life vests]) to our inventory and had Schiller Park Fire Patches affixed.

Division 20 is celebrating its 20 year of operation. Division 6 and 7 merged February 16, 1996 to become MABAS 20. Each member will receive a challenge coin for division 20 and a dinner will be planned for the Spring.

An updated version of our General Orders will be issued shortly. They have been revised and will be divided into several sections including— Administration, FPB, Training, Operations, EMS, Maintenance.

The Village has allowed us to sell surplus equipment on Ebay. We are looking into this as a way of disposing equipment that the taxpayers have

purchased as opposed to donating it.

Both FF/PM LiRosi and FF/PM Rupsis remain on medical leave. FF/PM LiRosi was an on the job injury. We hope to see him back soon. FF/Pm Rupsis suffered an off duty injury requiring surgery. He expects to return by February.

The 2017 budget continues to be worked on. We are working specifically on fleet operations to see replacement vehicles and our options.

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:

A SCBA bottle from Squad 5 had a stripped knob repaired.

The rotary saw from Engine 5 was repaired.

Battalion 5 and 458 both have new license plates. They now have fire department plates with their official radio designations and MABAS division.

During routine maintenance it was found that the battery on the Alt Air monitor on Battalion 5 was not holding a charge. Lt. Budnik was made aware of this.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

No Continuing Education was scheduled for December.

A number of new policies will be forthcoming from Northwest Community Hospital. Lt. Swiontek advises that you check out the NWCH website so as not to waste a lot of paper. We will print a few hard copies for review. One of the biggest changes will require securing the ambulance (vehicle) at all times.

Tony repaired the siren issue on Ambulance 5 (463) this past month.

There was 1 CPR classes that members taught this past month with a total of 1 students.

The Life Pak on Ambulance 5 (463) was serviced and repaired of its transmitting problem.

Members participated in an Active Shooter drill sponsored by Loyola Hospital. This drill involved multiple agencies on both police and fire sides.

FF/PM Bubis will work with B/C Cesaretti to schedule the CPR training and re-certification for all members.

At the December meeting for EMS at Northwest Community Hospital, Dr. Ortinau, the project medical director for paramedics, announced that he will be stepping down after 20 years as the Project Medical Director and only the second one at NWCH. A nationwide search will begin for his replacement.

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.

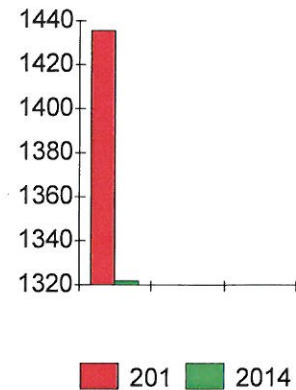
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 119 emergency calls. A total of 118 patients were encountered. 84 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	119	1435
ALS Transports	52	588
BLS Transports	32	308
Refusals/MPR's	17	292
Other Non Transports	2	44
Fire Responses	15	200
CPR Students taught	12	178
Mut. Aid to SHPK	8	54
SHPK to others	8	64

0 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).

New lockers that were budgeted have been ordered. We hope to have them here sometime in February.

FF/PM Bertoncini is extending the half wall to the ceiling in the bunkroom to sound proof the area from the work out area.

Lt. Budnik is coordinating the remodeling of the rear FPB/Public Relations Office by insulating, repainting and re-organizing the office. With the old FPB files all scanned, we will move some EMS files there, until they are scanned, so that file space can be gained in the Administrative Assistant office. (see photo).

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? –

- Remodel FPB
- Sound proof bunkroom
- 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

December Trivia

Which apparatus manufacturer developed the first all powered aerial ladder hoist?

Peter Pirsch in 1931. Aerial ladders were originally raised by hand, latter assisted by spring.

Only one correct answer was submitted by Richard Belmonte, Westchester Fire Chief (ret.)

January Trivia

What was the approximate diameter of the browder life net? How high was it to be held?

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 Leiser attended the Division 20 Training Officers meeting.

B/C Hatcher and Lt. Budnik completed Instructor II in the Fire Officer II program with the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Velasco completed Fire Prevention Principles I at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Zydlo completed PEER I educator training through NWCH.

Chief Chiodo and B/C Hatcher attended Firefighter Behavioral Health seminar at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Loch received his Fire Apparatus Engineer certification from the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Bubis completed the American Heart Association instructor update.

Chief Chiodo, B/C Cesaretti and B/C Hatcher attended the Division 20 Chiefs meeting.

Chief Kuryla who was in charge of the Fire Science program at Triton College has retired. Taking his place is Bill Justiz as coordinator of the Fire Science program and David Hoppe as coordinator of the EMS program.

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 101 hours of training for the month with 11 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.

Special Operations

- Fire Investigations

On Duty fire investigators responded to one Box alarm within the Division for Fire Investigators. No off duty investigators were required. On duty investigators determined origin and cause of all fire incidents in town along with the Battalion Chiefs or Lieutenants. Members trained with Division investigators, and Strike Force investigators this past month.

Hazardous Materials

No hazardous materials incidents in Schiller Park and our technicians-advisors did not respond within the division. Members did monthly training with the Haz Mat Team.

- Technical Rescue

No technical rescue incidents occurred in Schiller Park and our members did not respond within the division to other incidents. Members participated in monthly training.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge several members as our employees of the month. In particular Red Shift.

When a resident ordered a secured entry system box (Knox Box), she had no one to install it. Lt. Budnik and his crew took it upon themselves to help out this senior citizen and went out of her house and mounted the box with anchors and then secured her keys inside.

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

Fire Prevention is trying to work with Community Development on all the new projects and developments that are in the planning or building stages in Schiller Park.

These include the new 35,000 sq. ft. 2 story addition at Kennedy school, redevelopment of Hostess, BP et al.

Shifts completed their 2015 inspections and were assigned 2016. 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.

New this year for fire prevention and inspections is that businesses will be required to complete and return a Pre-Plan form for their specific address. We continue to move to the electronic age with our IPADS and digital format and storage. Please refer to Fire Prevention Memo dated December 18th. With all of our files scanned and archived, we have received permission from the Illinois State Records division that the hard copies may be destroyed.

The State Fire Marshal is looking into having all inspectors do continuing education to remained 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.

Members participated in the Salvation Army Ring the Bell this past December for Christmas. Red shift was able to collect the most donations of the three shifts. (see photo)

Members participate in the Villages Santa Winter Wonderland at the Community Center. We staffed the bonfire, served hot chocolate and hot dogs.

FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Schneider participated in the Operation North Pole involving seriously and terminally ill children.

Lt. Budnik was the chauffeur for the Schiller Park Police FOP as they drove Santa to visit and distribute gifts to the school children.

Washington pre-school classes visited the firehouse with FF/PM Leao serving as their guide.

We have arranged for one of our guest speakers for our 9/11 Remembrance this September.

Because this is the 15th anniversary and our plans are bigger than the other in between years, we are looking for as much help in planning as possible.

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. He will pass out to all department heads what certifications each employee needs to have for their level of participation. This will include all Village elected officials and administrators.

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 discussing portions that affect the Red Cross and village Health Board. We are looking to have in the new budget a mobile trailer for our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and supplies.

We did not receive the grant from Firehouse subs for a fire extinguisher training prop.

We also are working on 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.

We are updating the mass notification communication system for all current employees.

We are also reviewing our dispatch procedures and our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) looking at improvements.

Retiree Row

Chief Chiodo had the pleasure of having breakfast with Cmdr. Maher (ret.) this past month. Dan said he missed the camaraderie of the firehouse and recently had both hips replaced. He is well on his way to recovery.

EMSD Nosek (ret.) also sent a note indicating that he is really enjoying his retirement and sent photos of himself and his wife Lynn as they vacationed in Mexico watching whales. (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 Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association hosted its annual Christmas Party on December 13th at the Great Escape. Santa made a visit to see the children and grandchildren of the firefighter and paramedics.

The Association also participated in the Salvation Army Bell ringing December 21-23 standing outside Walgreens here in Schiller Park.

Stork Report

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

Thank you were received for the following:

A note was received from the FOP thanking Lt. Budnik for driving Santa to deliver gifts.

A thank you from the Semerau family thanking us for attending the wake of Ken Semerau, father in law of FF Bob Murbach (ret.)

And Finally...

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

Deadlines

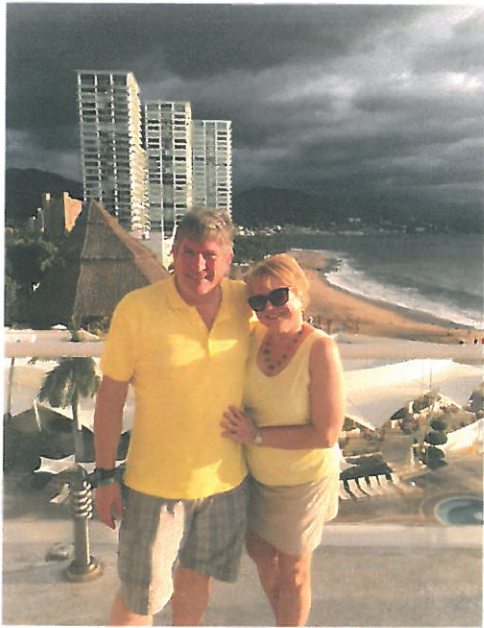
The deadline for the next issue of the Booster Line will be 8:00 A.M. February 7th. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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 8- EMSD Nosek and his wife miss the gang in the firehouse. However they say "life is too short not to enjoy it" traveling in Mexico to escape Winter and went whale watching within 100 yards.

Page 9- (Top) Black shift Members who participated in the Salvation Army Ring the Bell.

(Bottom) Black shift shares table fellowship off duty with a Christmas Dinner.



Season 2015 - 2016



