

# 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 June to Mid July. Several usual and unusual calls and incidents occurred as detailed below.

We begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup> when Red shift had an ambulance assist. Members responded and could not gain entry by the patient letting us in. The door was locked and members found a window open. They laddered the building and pried open the screen to get to the person. The tenant was transported then to Resurrection Medical Center.

Later in the shift the crews responded to a gasoline spill. On scene they found a car that a car ran over a fuel tankers fill hose. No fuel was leaking or spilled.

The shift concluded with a fire in Hillside requiring our on duty fire investigator FF/PM Leiser to respond. We assisted the Division investigators in determining the origin and cause.

The next day June 3<sup>rd</sup> a very serious traffic accident on the toll way in Des Plaines had them request additional resources. One of those was resources was our Ambulance 5. We staged at Dempster until called to the scene.

Black shift had on June 5<sup>th</sup> the next ambulance call for an unresponsive person. FF/PM Chung on the engine ordered that we force entry to get to the patient. After acquiring patient contact the person was transported to the emergency room.

Black shift their following tour of duty on the 8<sup>th</sup> was Stilled out to a fire

alarm. The fire investigative team consisting of Engine 5 and Tower Ladder 5 found burnt food in one of the units. Portable exhaust fans were used to remove the smoke and reset the alarm panel.

June 12<sup>th</sup> had Schiller Park’s Gold shift take in a dumpster fire at a commercial facility. The maintenance person told first arriving units that the dumpster was in the rear of the building along side the building. When they found the burning dumpster a blue liquid was oozing from the dumpster. Before fighting the fire the members inquired whether this was a hazardous material. They were told no it was a non toxic oil. The fire was put out with 125 gallons of water and the investigation found that it was a buffing wheel. It was supposed to be cooled off and wet down prior to being placed in the dumpster.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> while ambulance 5 was returning to quarters they came across a motor vehicle accident where the persons involved said they only wanted police.

Gold shift took in a fire alarm on June 18<sup>th</sup> at a business in town. On scene FF/PM Leiser on the engine and they found a light smoke haze on the second floor. Looking to find the source members went to the roof where an air conditioning unit had a broken belt from wear and tear that caused the smoke to enter the ducts and into the building.

A call from the rail yard on June 20<sup>th</sup> had red shift respond to a crushed hand injury. With no Schiller Park ambulances available as they were on previous calls, an ambulance from Rosemont was called. The person was complaining of severe pain in the right hand. The man was transported tom the hospital by RSMT.

Red shift then assisted the police at an apartment building when we used our forcible entry tools for a possible suicidal person. After gaining entry Schiller Park Police found no one at the residence or in the occupancy.

A reported fire in a hotel came in on

June 21<sup>st</sup>. Members arrived on scene and were told in was in the laundry room. Lt. Swiontek and crew entered to find a light smoke condition. A worker stated that there was a small fire in the iron press that she was using and she put out using a portable fire extinguisher. She also had the forethought to shut off the natural gas. The fire department de-energized the area and cleared the smoke with an exhaust fan.

A storm rolled through town shortly thereafter and soon engine 5 was dispatched to wires down. Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM's Miletta and Velesco found a tree had fallen and pulled the electrical wires from both the utility pole and the house. Com Ed was notified.

Another fire alarm sent crews checking on the alarm to find water dripping into a detector activated it.

After shift change and Black shift starting their tour, a report of a stove fire was received. All station 5 units responded and the fire crews found that the fire was out. Members checked for extension and vented the building.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> and a fire alarm in a commercial building. On scene firefighters were told that it was an errant alarm tripped by the company doing steam cleaning to their carpet.

They then picked up and were sent on an ambulance call for a person hit by a car. Ambulance 5 made a transport to a level one trauma center.

After going in service, dispatch sent them to wires down. Engine 5 took the call and found the wires on the ground were not live. Com Ed was called and the area secured.

A call to a motel on June 24<sup>th</sup> had red shift respond and find that the fire alarm was pulled by a child who wanted to see what would happen.

Lt. Hatcher and his engine took in a call for a child locked in the car on June 25<sup>th</sup>. On scene they were met by the mother who stated the toddler in the child seat inadvertently locked

the SUV with the keys that mom had given the child to play with. The toddler pressed the remote on the keychain locking the car. Members were able to gain access to free the child and make the mom happy.

During the Village's 100 Year Centennial parade, a call came in for a car on fire on the north side of town. Black shift responded to find heavy fire under the hood. A 1 ¾ inch line was pulled and the fire knocked down. The fire extended into the passenger compartment.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Black shift was called upon to a truck fire at the Oasis. A trailer had pulled off to the side and the driver stated smoke was coming off the rear wheels of the trailer. A 1 ¾ inch line was pulled to cool off the brakes.

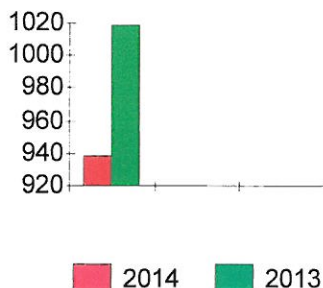
Battalion 5 was called to the scene of a Box Alarm fire on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Bellwood. At the structure fire Battalion 5, Cmdr. Leiser, was assigned Communications for the incident.

A pull station was activated at a motel on July 6<sup>th</sup> and Red shift responded. On scene a child had again pulled the fire alarm.

The last call in this reporting period was for a carbon monoxide detector going off. Gold shift took it in to find that it was beeping intermittently because the battery was failing and needed replacement.

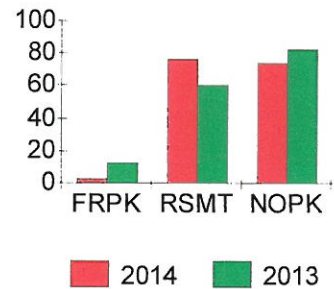
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2013:

### Total Incidents



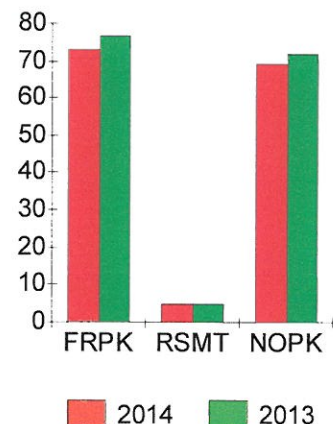
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30<sup>th</sup> "To" the following communities:

### Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30<sup>th</sup> "From" the following communities:

### Auto Aid Received



	2014	2013
Total Incidents	939	1019

### Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	3	12
Norwood Park (NOPK)	74	83
Rosemont (RSMT)	76	61

### Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	89	94
Norwood Park (NOPK)	85	89
Rosemont (RSMT)	7	7

# Commander's Cove

*We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

Probationary FF/PM Loch was sworn in by the Fire and Police Commission at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Village Board meeting (see photos). He will begin the NIPSTA fire academy on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Police and Fire Commission is processing another candidate to replace EMSD Nosek who retired June 27<sup>th</sup>. A retirement cake and coffee was held on the apparatus floor on June 18<sup>th</sup> (see photos). The Village will make a presentation on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire and Police Commission has also announced that they will begin the testing process again. Orientation will be September 25<sup>th</sup>, Written September 27<sup>th</sup>, Agility October 26<sup>th</sup> and Orals during November.

Two other notable retirements also occurred June 27<sup>th</sup>. Gail Bauer in the Village finance office is retiring after 35 years and Gail Mini in the front office and insurance guru is retiring after 20 years. Congratulations to them both. (see photos).

With their retirements the Village has hired their replacements Prudy and Anna respectively. We wish them well and hope you introduce yourself when possible.

Our congratulations to Angel Reyes of Bensenville on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Director Deegan has posted his Bureau assignments. If there are any changes please let him know.

The Schiller Park Fire Department is partnering with the Schiller Park Police Department for National Night Out. This is national program that strengthens neighbors and puts criminals on notice that we will fight

back. We will help with this night out by having an Ice Cream Social in the firehouse for residents. Please help out.

The Wounded Warrior Project hosted a Soldier Ride June 26<sup>th</sup> which traveled through Schiller Park on River Road with 81 soldiers riding their bicycles.

We also were invited to several parades over the past month including Elmwood Park and Westchester's 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We will attend Broadview's 100<sup>th</sup> on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

We would also like to support our fire department chaplain Fr. Rob as he competes in an Ironman competition on July 20<sup>th</sup> to help with repairs to the church.

We also want to thank all the personnel who helped contribute to the success of the Schiller Park Centennial Parade June 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have pictures in our next issue. Events continue with the Car Show August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Veterans Day November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Village implemented the new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system July 16<sup>th</sup>. All employees who will be using it including police, fire, records administrators were trained in early July. This system will be interoperable with all records and reduce duplication. We may have to work out a few kinks so be patient.

The Illinois Tollway Authority has asked the Schiller Park Fire Department to extend their current response zone southbound I-294. We will now cover the southbound lanes to the 32 mile marker.

The Village has issued new fuel cards for vehicles and gas cans. You should now be using blue cards and not the gray cards.

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:

The running lights on Battalion 5 were replaced under warranty. Tony also completed the preventive maintenance.

Tower Ladder 5 had the air conditioning repaired in the cab.

The Village also is replacing the roof

with a new biofoam roof to reflect heat in the summer and retain building heat in the winter. It is being applied in a spray form and should be completed shortly.

The floor drains on the apparatus floor have been cleaned out by public works.

Members also power washed the interior and exterior of the overhead doors on the apparatus floor.

The firehouse received a new fire alarm panel. This panel monitors the firehouse, police station and the basement.

New riggings and adjustable straps were placed on the stokes basket on tower ladder 5.

Air One returned the Alt Air monitor carried on Tower Ladder 5 used for carbon monoxide and three other gases.

Air shorelines were repaired on T.L. 5, Squad 5 and Ambulance 461.

Tower Ladder 5 had FF/PM Bertoncini repair port 4 discharge which had a leaky valve. Tony C. then repaired an oil leak that put the rig out of service a few days.

Squad 5 and Engine 6 both had large diameter intakes repaired.

Lastly the center bay door cable was repaired to lift and open/close the overhead door.

## EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

The air ride on Ambulance 5 was repaired along with a coolant leak. The vehicle is now back in service.

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.

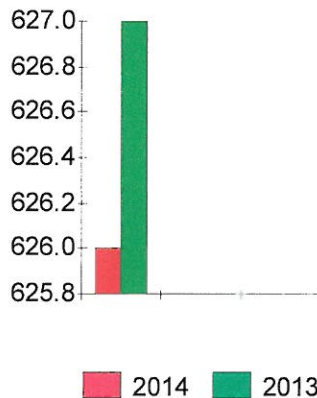
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

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 100 emergency calls. A total of 97 patients were encountered. 69 patients were transported to area hospitals. 47 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	2014	2013
Total Responses	626	627
Cardiac	48	36
Medical Emergency	304	319
Accidents/Trauma	160	159
Fire Responses	107	103
False Alarm/Standby	3	10
Mut. Aid to SHPK	19	26
SHPK to others	22	26

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.

New tile will replace broken ones in the kitchen and tile the baseboards. The walls up to the chair rail are also being tiled.

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*

### June Trivia

The Division uses Box 3002 for incidents? What are these incidents?

Box 3002 is used in Division 20 for Swift water rescue involving multiple victims/ incidents.

No one answered this month's trivia question correctly.

## July Trivia

When did Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Services (E.P.D.S.) formerly Civil Defense end in Chicago?

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 Loch started his firefighter training at NIPSTA and is slated to return in September.

Probationary Firefighters Velesco, Dehmlow and Leao continue their probation.

All three shifts completed water rescue training at the Schiller Park pool.

We also have purchased a forcible entry door simulator. It is currently at Station 6 and will be operational soon.

Cmdr. Leiser, Cmdr. Chiodo and EMSD Nosek attended the Division 20 Safety and Training Officer meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser, FF/Pm Leiser, FF/PM Rupsis and FF/PM Gergits continue with the new candidates and monitored their progress on shift.

Cmdr. Chiodo, Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Bubis attended the Division 20 fire investigators meeting.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended an Emergency Management Seminar.

The Daily Training Folders will be located in the Lieutenants office in the Training mailbox. All drills can be

found here for the month.

OSHA is implementing new package identification labels for hazardous materials shipment. The new labels will be phased in within the next two years. Examples of the new labels and terminology can be found in the classroom and this issue.

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 251 hours of training for the month with 30 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 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 Month

This month we acknowledge both

Gail Bauer and Gail Mini as our employees of the month.

Both women have been instrumental in helping firefighters and paramedics over the years. Gail Bauer for the last 35 and Gail Mini for the last 20 years.

For the majority of the department these are the only women that we have had to deal with when it came to payroll, office supplies, insurance or any of the many other hats that they have worn throughout the year.

We appreciate all the time and dedication that each of you have shown the fire department and we wish you both well in future endeavors.

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 continue 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. To date approximately 296 inspections have been completed.

Lt. Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand continue to transition to all computerization all bureau forms and inspections. Two IPADS have been purchased and all inspections and inspectional paperwork are to be done electronically. Many of the

forms that used to be filled out by businesses will also be submitted digitally. Both Lt. Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand will continue to train and evaluate the progress. Any questions can be directed toward them.

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 sturtz 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.

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## Public Affairs

### *Saving Lives Through Education*

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

We will be participating in the National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> with Ice Cream in the firehouse.

We have helped out with the Schiller Park Day Camp with spraying them with cool water during one of their outings.

We continue to provide fire

extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town.

The Public Relations bureau met to discuss plans for the Summer and the next school year. We are planning 9/11, Fire Prevention Week and a Winter Seminar for residents.

Other ideas being explored include our next Citizen Fire academy, Jr. Fire Academy, Employee thank you.

We are also coordinating with other a fire service organizations the implementation and publicizing the "ICE" program (In Case of Emergency) for people's cell phones.

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## Retiree Row

We have had several updates on retired members this past month.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) reached out to current members to golf on their days off with him.

Lt. Anderson (ret.) won his election against Cmdr. Jeffrey (ret.) for a seat on the pension board.

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](mailto:pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com).

## Notes

A correction was received from Bette Wilmot, her dad was a Volunteer with Schiller Park Fire Department and not a paid on Call.

A note was also received from mayor Piltaver thanking us for our help and participation in the Centennial Celebration,

*I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank you each and every one of the department heads, village employees and members of*

*the Centennial Committee who made our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade such a success. It was so refreshing to see all the department work as a team.*

*The Village looked great, the parade went off without a hitch and I heard nothing but positive feedback from the residents.*

*The wonderful outcome of the parade and festivities afterwards was a tribute to your hard work and dedication. I was extremely proud of the professionalism and helpfulness that everyone showed towards the residents and to fellow employees.*

*May you all enjoy a well-deserved rest over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.*

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH AGAIN!**

*Sincerely,  
s. Mayor Barbara Piltaver*

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## Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Division 20 Benevolent fund is sponsoring a Cub outing August 10<sup>th</sup>. See Blaine for tickets and details.

The Firefighter Benevolent Ball has been postponed until September 12<sup>th</sup>. It may be less formal than dress uniform or Black Tie. See FF/PM Schneider for details.

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association will host its annual Picnic and Pig Roast September 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

## Retiree Row

Lt. Knuth (ret.) has sent us a note stating that the fire service is still in his blood. While he was with us he worked fire prevention and as a housing inspector. He is now using

those skills as a Code Enforcement Officer with Hoffman Estates.

Lt. Kwiat (ret.) also sent a note before the Centennial Parade that he would be unable to attend due to health concerns. He welcomes any visits to his house.

Former EMT Jim Ziebka also notified us that he has become a grandfather again.

## Stork Report

Word has it that new FF/PM Dehmlow and his wife are expecting.

Congratulations to the Zydlo's on the birth of their new baby. Matt Zydlow is one of our part time paramedics.

Former Emergency Squad member Jimmy Z became a grandfather again.

## And Finally...

! If you are going to doubt something, doubt your limits.

## Deadlines

*The deadline for the next issue of the Booster Line will be 8:00 A.M. August 7th. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Cmdr. Chiodo at [pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto:pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com).*

*The Booster Line is published monthly on or about the 15<sup>th</sup>. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability.*

Photographs-

Page 7 -FF/PM Grahm Loch is sworn in by Fire and Police Commission.

Members serve Ice Cream at the End of School Ice Cream Social L to R, Mrs. Velesco, Rose Chiodo, Cmdr. Leiser, POC Dusek, Director Deegan, Cmdr. Chiodo

Page 8-11 EMSD Nosek has a retirement Cake and Coffee on the apparatus floor with his family. His wife hopes to rid his wardrobe of fire department clothing.

Page 11 bottom- Director Deegan presents FF/PM Milttea and Leoa with a Unit Citation Award.

Page 12 Gail Bauer and Gail Mini have a Cake and Coffee reception for their retirements.



