

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 June 3rd when members of Red shift responded to a motor vehicle accident. On scene they found that the driver had hit a very large landscaping boulder and required medical personnel to check him out.

Black shift responded to a fire alarm on June 7th to find the building manager state that kids were lighting off fireworks in the hallway causing the alarm to go off.

A call on the toll way June 8th was for a fully involved car fire. Engine 5 used 500 gallons of water and foam to extinguish the fire.

Later in the shift Lt. Swiontek responded to Broadview as the on duty fire investigator for a working fire in their community.

Gold shift on June 10th too in a transformer smoking in the rear of the building. The on site manager said that fluid was pouring from the top of the unit prior to our arrival. The business was told to reduce their operations of electrical use until Com Ed arrived to determine cause and if the transformer needed to be replaced.

June 13th had Red shift dispatched to a call for a fire in the forest preserves near Irving and River. Members investigated to find that the fire was actually in a dumpster near the 3700 block.

After returning to quarters Red shift was sent on their next call for arcing wires. The Engine responded and notified Com Ed of the utility pole number for checking it out and repair.

Black shift members responded to

smoke in the basement on June 14th during some flooding. Engine 5's investigation found that as the basement began to flood, it came into contact with the furnace electronics causing arcing and burning of some wires.

An automatic fire alarm on June 15th had Red shift respond to a hotel. B/C Cesaretti went to the alarm panel which indicated that it was a detector on the 4th floor. After ascending the stairs members found construction workers set if off with construction dust.

After midnight our dispatch received an automatic fire alarm signal from a manufacturing business in town. While the Schiller Park Fire Department was en-route, police on scene radioed that smoke was coming from building. On scene smoke was emulating from the overhead door and roof. Building was evacuated and all occupants were accounted for. Engine 5 and Tower Ladder 5 did an interior primary search and FRPK Truck 2 went to the roof. Engine 5 reported that the fire was in the buffing room and the skid load on Engine 5 was dropped. NOPK was asked to assist our engine crew. B/C Cesaretti then asked for a Full Still for the working fire. RSMT then responded with a RIT team and STPK with a Safety Officer. The fire was knocked down with 500 gallons of water. Our own police and fire investigators did the origin and cause work.

Black shift was dispatched June 17th to a medical call for a 12 year old experiencing a seizure. FF/PM Schneider the Acting Officer arrived on scene with his Engine and Ambulance crew. The resident advised him that there was a misunderstanding and it was his dog having a seizure.

June 18th had Black shift respond auto aid to Rosemont. While in staging a second Rosemont call for a fire alarm came in and Schiller Park's Tower Ladder and Battalion Chief covered that assignment.

Red shifts tour of duty on the 18th had them go to a carbon monoxide alarm. Readings on our monitors showed elevated levels of 30 PPM. The house was ventilated and the source was traced back to the stove.

A smell of gas in the stairwell was a call received on the 20th. Members of the investigative crew began checking the common areas and the boiler room. As they began checking the apartments, they found one with no access. Determining that this unit could be the source they forcibly gained access and found no one home. They did find in this unit that the left burner of stove was left on with no flame but with free flowing gas. The entire building was ventilated after the gas knob was shut off.

Early afternoon on the 20th Schiller Park Fire Companies responded to a reported structure fire. FRPK Battalion Chief 490 was on scene first and reported "smoke showing". Battalion 5 arrived and assumed Command. We were informed that the fire was in the garage where boxes on a stove were burning. Engine 5 knocked the fire down and Tower Ladder 5 and Truck 2 did overhaul.

Black shift then responded to an automatic fire alarm. Arriving Battalion 5 found the building evacuated. Tower 5 and Engine 5 entered and determined that alarm was due to water in a Pull Box.

June 24th Red shift went on a fire alarm. On Scene members were told that the manger saw a LOW BATTERY warning on the alarm panel and pulled open the Pull Station looking for the batteries.

After training in the afternoon, Red shift responded to an apartment building for a smoke detector going off in one of the units. At the building members could hear the alarm going off and none answering the door. Entry was made through an open window and members found the oven "ON" and burnt food in the oven. The oven was shut down and the burnt

food placed in the kitchen sink.

Their next call took them to a motor vehicle accident where the car was wedged between a building and traffic signal. Engine 5 and Squad 5 began patient extrication which was prolonged due to the position of the vehicle. Because of the seriousness of the incident two additional paramedics accompanied the two paramedics assigned to the ambulance for transport to a Level I trauma center, Lutheran General. (see photos).

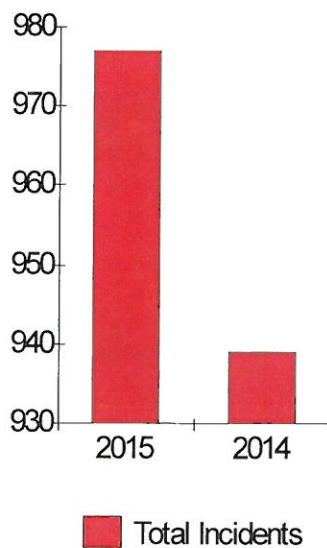
The fast moving Red shift then responded to Norwood Park for a structure fire.

July 4th had another car fire. This time it was behind a building in a parking lot. The fire was contained to the motors compartment and put out with 400 gallons of water.

The last call of this reporting period was just before dinner on July 6th, Red shift responded to a gas spill. Oil dry and absorbents were used to contain and absorb the ½ gallon of fuel.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2014:

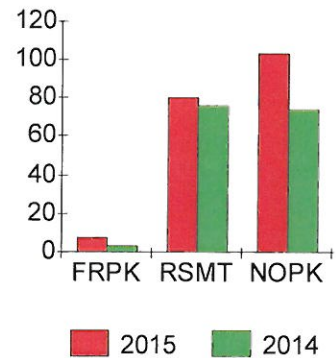
Total Incidents



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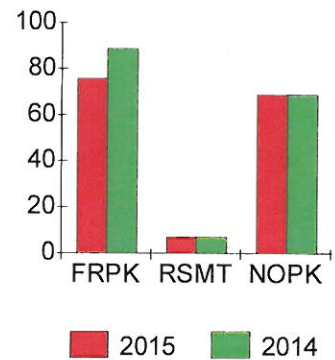
The run summary

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	977	939

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	7	3
Norwood Park (NOPK)	103	74
Rosemont (RSMT)	80	76

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	76	89
Norwood Park (NOPK)	69	85
Rosemont (RSMT)	7	7

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission have begun the testing process. Application deadline was July 17th and the orientation, written, agility and oral days have been set.

FF/PM LiRosi has returned to work from a duty injury. He was on light duty for 2 shifts before being released to full duty.

FF/PM Warden has also returned to full active duty from medical leave.

FF/PM Farias had an off duty injury and is laid up. He was playing soccer and broke his hand. He expects to return by the end of August is all goes well.

FF/PM Santiago returned to work after his military deployment to Korea. We welcome you back safely.

We would like to congratulate in advance Bob Babula on his retirement September 7, 2015. Bob has been with the Public Works department his whole career retiring as foreman. Bob also early in his career was a volunteer/Paid On Call firefighter with the Village. His last day of work will be at the end of July and will then use up accumulated time off. We wish him well in his new future.

The fire department would like to welcome a new patrol officer to the Schiller Park Police Department. Officer Patrick Flynn was sworn in at the July 2nd meeting.

The Village Board has given approval for the fire department to have a full time secretary. After posting the opening Dee Casey was chosen to become our secretary. She is in transition from the Finance Department to the firehouse. She will

work part time hours until her old job is filled. It is anticipated that this should be done by August 3rd.

The Board also approved the following assignments:

Battalion Chief Leiser, Battalion Chief Cesaretti, Battalion Chief Hatcher effective July 1, 2015

B/C Leiser – Administrative Asst. Emergency Management/ NIMS/ Grants

B/C Cesaretti- Training Officer
B/C Hatcher – Fire Prevention
Lt. Swiontek – EMS Coordinator
Lt. Budnik – Maintenance
Lt. J. Leiser – Special Operations.

We were able to recoup through the Villages Spiller Pay Ordinance almost \$375 from an incident where fuel was spilled and supplies were used.

Chief Ventura of the Elmwood Park Fire Department is having a cocktail party honoring his retirement July 31st. Info is posted in the kitchen.

With the ending of the Paid On Call program, the fire department hosted a Pizza Appreciation Recognition Party Monday July 13th in the firehouse for all current and former members of our department as a thank you for their time, dedication, duty, pride and tradition. This was followed up at the Village Board meeting on the 16th with presentations of retirement badges to our last three POC's –Lt. Sam DiMaggio, FF Pat Quinn and FF Kevin Dusek. (see photos).

The Village hosted 4th of July parade and picnic. Members participated in the parade and staffed the firefighters association booth selling pediatric cancer shirts as a fundraiser.

Chief Chiodo hosted in the firehouse the first Coffee and Chat with the Chief on July 18th from 9-10 AM. This was an informal coffee clutch to meet

and talk with the residents and whoever shows up. (see photos).

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. Seems like yesterday they widened it to four lanes.

The toll way asked that overhead wires at Lawrence that ran over the toll way be moved to underground. A recent accident dropped the wires onto the toll way stopping all traffic until Com Ed could come out. Com Ed has begun the work of re-locating. A new proposal in Rosemont at Balmoral and Pearl. According to the plans 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.

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The Division 20 Fire Investigative truck has been moved to Franklin Park Station 3. Chief Ivonelli has placed a MABAS Knox Box on the building for access. The vehicle is also outfitted with a remote for the overhead door so you can gain access after returning the vehicle from an incident.

I have modified the Callback staffing policy to include that OPTING OUT is no longer an option.

Our fire department Chaplain Fr Rob competed in his third Ironman Sunday July 19th. Results were not available at press time.

FRPK ladder 2 is down for repairs. While this is going on FRPK will provide an engine and NOPK a truck. We will assume the truck responsibilities for Leyden.

We will also be updating and adding to the official portraits in our hallway. Since we last had them done there are 9 changes that need to be made.

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:

All of the work on the windows should now be complete. Thanks to all the members who helped out in many capacities. (see photos).

Water penetration has been an on going problem with the Village Hall complex. The Village has engineers studying the problem and possible solutions. Some immediate tuck pointing repairs will be done on the firehouse above the three front bay doors at the end of July.

The passenger side upper rear warning light on Squad 5 was repaired by Tony as was the front lights.

Members also made repairs to our Holmatro tools handle.

Tony also replaced the mirror on tower ladder 5 and headsets fine tuned on both tower ladder 5 and Squad 5.

Tony also repaired the broken air eject on Tower Ladder 5.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Lt. Swiontek has placed new OB kits on both Ambulance 5 and Ambulance 6.

FF/PM Dehmlow is now a certified CPR instructor.

We are working with a former resident who moved to India to have a Train the Trainer for CPR and first aid that can be brought back to that area. (see photos).

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.

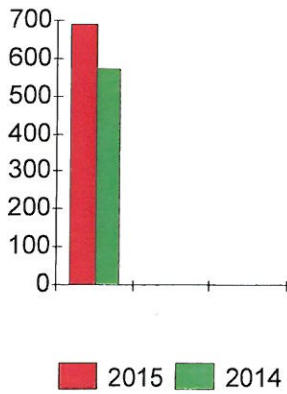
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 116 emergency calls. A total of 100 patients were encountered. 74 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	116	688
ALS Transports	50	284
BLS Transports	24	142
Refusals/MPR's	22	130
Other Non Transports	0	22
Fire Responses	20	108
CPR Students taught	27	123
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	19
SHPK to others	5	27



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

June Trivia

Chicago has 98 firehouses. How many have no engine companies and where at.

Only one firehouse has no engine companies assigned, Truck 24 at 10400 S. Vincennes. It has only Ambulance 29 assigned to it.

There were no correct answer submitted.

July Trivia

When did Schiller Park have its last Assistant Fire Chief?

What and where is the tallest firefighting aerial device? Hint, it is a vehicle.

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 Home Day for legislators at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Bubis, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Santiago, and FF/PM Niemand all received their Firefighter III certifications from the State Fire Marshal. This is part of their job requirements.

FF/PM Velasco passed his State Exam in Rope Operations.

FF/PM Leao and FF/PM Dehmlow received their Fire Service Vehicle Operators certifications from the State Fire Marshal.

FF/PM Santiago received Technical Rescue certifications from the State Fire Marshal in the following areas- Structural Collapse Operations, Trench Operations, Rescue Specialist-Confined Space.

B/C Hatcher, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Niemand attended the Fire Prevention seminar in Schaumburg.

All members trained at the acquired structure at 4100 Goss.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal training division has developed a web log in for fire department members to check their training records. Each member will create their own password to log in. See Cmdr. Cesaretti for information.

The training division set up water rescue training dates June 24, 25, 26 at the Schiller Park Pool. The Recreation Department demonstrated their skills and worked with us.

FF/PM Velasco completed his Fire Apparatus Engineer class in the State Fire Marshal program.

Patrol Officer Chad Kiaser one of our arson investigators will take the State Fire Marshal Firefighter by-pass exam August 13th.

When using the department smoke machine please make sure that you clean and flush it out with distilled water.

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

B/C Cesaretti has taken over as the department Training Officer effective May 1, 2015. He 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 293 hours of training for the month with 32 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 Cmdr. 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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge Lt. Budnik as our Employee of the Month.

Lt. Budnik sent in a regulator for our air bags. The company lost it and Lt. Budnik was insistent that they replace it at no cost to the Village. The company was willing to split the cost but Lt. Budnik demanded that a new one be provided to our department.

One was eventually sent and is now in service.

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 285 inspections with 127 inspections remaining.

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.

Lt. Budnik, B/C Hatcher and FF/PM Niemand are all working with Allisa and the Village GIS system to assist with Fire Prevention Inspections and Hydrant flows.

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.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

The Schiller Park Police Department FOP has sent out their fliers for their annual golf outing August 7, 2015. Put together your foursome and join them for a good time.

Chief Chiodo and FF/PM Schneider participated in the Village Neighborhood Watch with residents discussing Knox Boxes.

FF/PM Jackson and FF/PM Blum attended the Kid's Health Safety/Fair in Park Ridge with our ambulance.

Black shift honored the Wounded Warriors Bicycle parade with Tower Ladder 5's raised ladder June 26th.

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.

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Retiree Row

We were able to celebrate with many of the retirees this past month with Cake, Coffee and presentations to our POC's. (see photo's)

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 is looking to sponsor the Bear Necessities Pediatric cancer Foundation this Summer from May-September. We are selling and wearing special department t-shirts.

The Association is planning the yearly picnic for September. More details to follow.

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

A thank you for the flowers and notes to all the firefighters was received from paid On Call Fire Marshal Teofilo Juliano's family for the fire department walk through, the honor guard in front of the firehouse and the

funeral.

A note was also received from one of the retired Paid on Call firefighters daughters, Bette Wilmot, dad Bill Gorr, thanking us for the pizza recognition party and the ability to come back and visit the firehouse.

And Finally...

When a deep injury is done us, we never recover until we forgive.

content and space availability.

Page 7- FF/PM Farias sits in hospital ER after injuring hand playing soccer

Page 8-10 Part 2 of window installation and completion.

Page 11- Red shifts extrication of a patient from a car wedged between building and utility pole.

Page 12-16 Paid on Call Recognition Party and Village Board meeting honoring last three POC's Lt. Sam DiMaggio, FF Pat Quinn, FF Kevin Dusek.

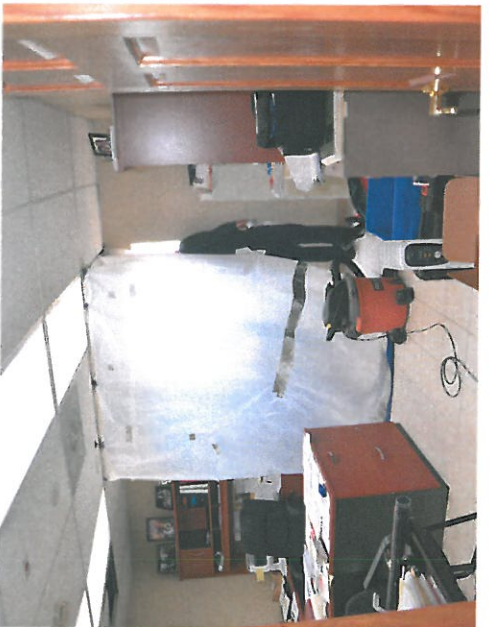


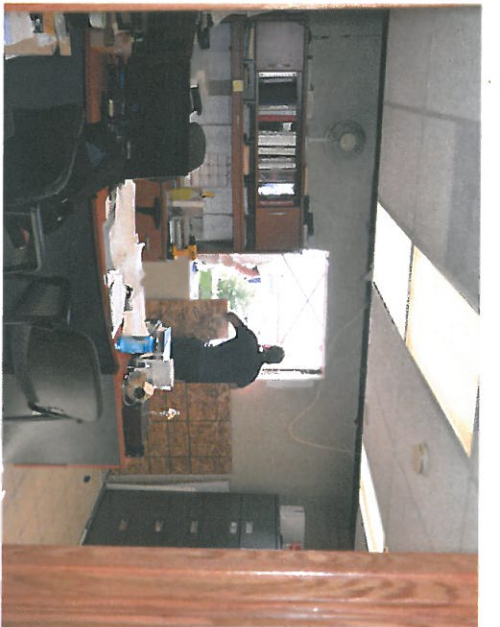
Deadlines

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 Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

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