

# 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 May 10<sup>th</sup> when Black shift took in a fire alarm. The fire investigative team found a pull box activated for no reason in the apartment building. Shortly thereafter another pull box was activated in another apartment building in the same complex. Schiller Park Police were asked to monitor the area for any further malicious activity.

The 12<sup>th</sup> saw Gold shift respond to a hotel fire alarm on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. On scene the fire investigative team found that a CFL bulb was burnt at the base causing the detector to go off.

A car making a “U” turn later in the shift clipped the gas meter at a commercial building causing a severe leak. Gold shift dropped a hose line for protection of the area in the event the gas caught an ignition source. NICOR was called to the scene and both NICOR and the fire department monitored the areas including the interior of the building. No injuries were reported from the occupants of the vehicle.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> a call for smoke for Red shift from a hotel dispatched all companies to the scene. Engine 5 was tied up on a previous call resulting in Norwood Park being first due. Arriving on scene firefighters were told that there was smoke in the electrical room. Firefighters checked for the source of the smoke and were able to reset the system after determining the problem.

Their next call was a carbon monoxide call. On scene the monitoring crew found 8 parts per million (ppm) upon entering the premises. As they continued to check

the home they soon found levels rise to 80 ppm near the oven. The owner was advised not to use the appliance until a qualified service technician was contacted.

Red shift then responded to Northlake on a working fire with our Ambulance to stand by with the rapid Intervention Team.

Shortly after going in service to Northlake, a fire alarm came in for a hotel in town. The remaining members of the shift responded here where they found that the alarm was due to an individual popping corn and burning it in the microwave.

May 16<sup>th</sup> had our 9-1-1 center take in a call for a working fire in a manufacturing business in town. Black shift responded and found that the dust collector system had a fire in the flues blowing out the roof. The building was laddered by our Tower ladder and a Working Fire Response initiated. Auto Aid and Mutual Aid assisted while change quarter companies and off duty personnel covered the rest of the town.

Three days later on May 19<sup>th</sup> Black shift responded to Northlake for a structure fire. Arriving our tower ladder was given the assignment of RIT.

May 21<sup>st</sup> had an automatic alarm in Schiller Park that turned out to be a false alarm. While picking up from the call Franklin Park was dispatched to a vehicle accident of a SUV versus a semi truck. Because Schiller Park was literally only blocks away we took it in. Members did find a semi that clipped the SUV and transported one person.

After returning to quarters another vehicle accident was dispatched. This time it was for a car versus a child. Members got to the scene and found a child shaken up after the car grazed the bike she was riding.

The last call for the day was a single family fire in Bellwood. Cmdr. Chiodo was the on duty Safety Officer who responded to the fire.

Lt. Cesaretti on May 22<sup>nd</sup> took in a

call for a sparking fuse box with his shift. Investigating on scene they found that three fuses in the electrical panel were melted. Power was turned off to the main electrical panel and the occupant told to call an electrician.

After completing training in the early afternoon, members were dispatched to a gas leak. The gas leak ended up being a ruptured gas line to an apartment building. The leak was below the shut off and thus could not be controlled by on scene personnel. NICOR was requested to the scene. As a pre-caution the engine dropped a 1 3/4 inch hose line and began evacuating the building. NICOR eventually arrived and was able to shut off the gas in the street.

The next day red shift had a call on our front doorstep when a car hit a school bus. While no one was on the bus, both persons in the car requested transport to the hospital.

Cmdr. Maher and the tower ladder took in a garage fire May 26<sup>th</sup> in Norwood Park. Our crew went to the front of the building and laddered it. The truck then went to the roof to cut the ventilation hole. After returning to the ground the truck members assisted with overhaul. The on scene Incident Commander then requested fire investigators to the scene. FF/PM Leiser the on duty investigator responded to assist with origin and cause.

May 28<sup>th</sup> saw the biggest fire so far in the Division this year with a 5-11 and special alarms in Stone Park. Black shift responded originally as a change quarter company and then moved to the scene on the 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm. Members did in-line pumping and were the second of four in-line pumpers. (See photos). This fire also required fire investigator and we provided one to help Stone Park with the grocery store fire.

While the fire was going on, off duty personnel manned the station. A call for an ambulance on the toll way had Schiller Park request a mutual aid ambulance as ours was committed on

a previous call. The change quarter ambulance came from North Lakes fire house and was an ambulance from Addison. Probably the last thing that they thought when they woke up in the morning was that they would respond from Addison to Schiller Park for a call.

A trouble alarm is nothing new to respond to. As Lt. Budnik and the crew pulled out of our firehouse there was a car versus a pole accident. A Com Ed pole was struck along with a decorative Village street light. The driver fled the scene and police were investigating.

A smoking elevator motor set off the alarm on May 30<sup>th</sup> in a hotel. Members responded and found the elevator motor burned out to one bank of elevators. Power was shut off and the maintenance staff told to contact the elevator company.

The month ended May 31<sup>st</sup> with a fire in Bellwood that had Cmdr. Leiser respond as a Safety Officer to the scene. Simultaneously, a fire in Westchester also had Schiller Park responding with an Engine. Black shift members assisted both communities during their emergencies.

Our June runs start on June 2<sup>nd</sup> when Lt. Cesaretti and the crew took in a call for the fence on fire. On scene members found that hot charcoals were dumped next to the wooden fence. The fire was put out with a p-can and the scorched fence and coals extinguished.

Gold shift taking over on the 2<sup>nd</sup> found themselves with a walk in ambulance call. The person ended up coded on them and was revitalized and transported to the hospital. This was a save as good as pulling someone from a burning building and just as heroic. (See Notes).

Cmdr. Leiser's Black shift responded to a water flow alarm on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. On scene they found that the water flow was due to a broken sprinkler head.

June 9<sup>th</sup> had a call in the woods for a person hit by a car. Arriving on scene,

members found that Chicago was also present and that there were two persons hit by the car. We transported one along with Chicago to Resurrection.

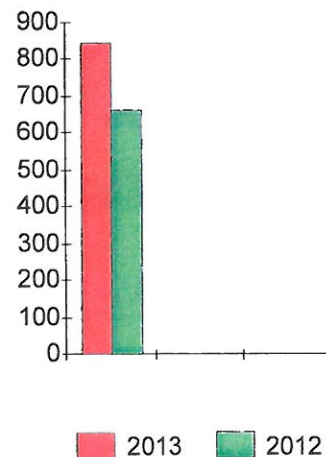
Black shift on the 10<sup>th</sup> then took in a smoke detector activation in a hotel. Members ascended to the fifth floor and found an activated detector for no reason. Rooms in the vicinity were checked and no one owned up to it.

June 12<sup>th</sup> saw a call for wires on fire. FF/PM Chung and the engine responded and found that there was no fire but sparking wires in the rear due to high winds blowing.

The last call of the reporting period on June 12<sup>th</sup> had Lt. Hatcher and Red shift next responded to a four vehicle accident. A total of seven patients were encountered and Lt. Hatcher requested mutual aid ambulance to the scene to help with transports.

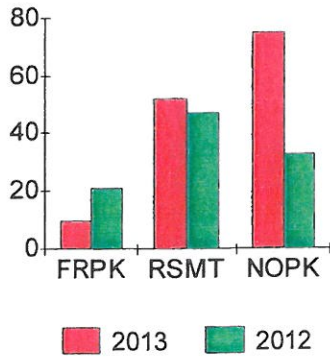
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2012:

### Total Incidents



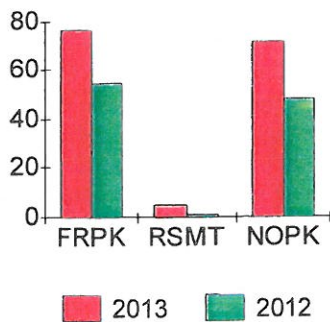
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31<sup>st</sup> "To" the following communities:

**Auto Aid Given**



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31<sup>st</sup> "From" the following communities:

**Auto Aid Received**



|                       | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Incidents       | 847         | 659         |
| <b>Auto Aid to:</b>   |             |             |
| Franklin Park (FRPK)  | 10          | 21          |
| Norwood Park (NOPK)   | 75          | 33          |
| Rosemont (RSMT)       | 52          | 47          |
| <b>Auto Aid From:</b> |             |             |
| Franklin Park (FRPK)  | 77          | 55          |
| Norwood Park (NOPK)   | 72          | 48          |
| Rosemont (RSMT)       | 5           | 1           |

**Commander's Cove**  
*We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

FF/PM Rupsis continues to be on extended medical leave. We anticipate his return by the middle of the month.

Director Deegan recently attended the Illinois Fire Chief's Meeting in Peoria. Trends in both fire and EMS were discussed as the Chief's chart a journey for the Illinois Fire Service.

We are also entering the summer parade season. One of the first parades will be North Lake daze on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. If interested see Director Deegan.

Our congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Blue who raised money with their Cop on Top program for Special Olympics. Our members provided a ladder so that the fundraisers on the top of Dunkin Donuts could support their charity.

With the retirement of Joe Meyers from Public Works, Mayor Piltaver has asked Brian Bursiek to be the Interim Director while retaining duties as the assistant to the Village Manager. Mayor Piltaver will shortly name a Director.

This past month Director Deegan, Cmdr. Chiodo and Cmdr. Leiser all attended the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Conference held in Chicago.

As we approach summer, Lt. Budnik has provided each shift with the 2013 list of hydrants to be flowed. We will only flush them this year and NOT test flow. Please make sure that all hydrants have a 2" wide blue reflective band on the barrel and a 1" band on the steamer port. This aids in locating them in the dark.

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 infra structure will start shortly.

The Historical Society here in Schiller Park will soon be sponsoring a trolley tour, an updated Eden Cemetery tour and a walk in Robinson Woods. This is open to all. If you are a member of the department and want to be acquainted with the history of the community where we work these are excellent opportunities. Contact June Ouland at the Historical Society for further information.

With the Village of Schiller Park entering its' Centennial year, the fire department will be issuing Centennial throwback Badges.

IDOT has approved funding for 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. Later this summer the Balmoral bridge over I-294 northbound will be re-built after a dump truck had its trailer unexpectedly rise and crash into the bridge doing extensive damage.

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 closing latches on both Squad 5 and Tower Ladder 5 doors required repair this past month. The doors on both rigs now close properly. The window regulator on the rear window on truck 5 also was replaced so that the window operates properly.

Members and tony were also able to repair the driver side flood light on Squad 5.

While doing hose testing this month members found that the speed lays on the truck were difficult to pull. By removing the partition and re-bedding in a different manner the hose now pulls more easily and quicker. Nozzles will also be kept in the engineer's compartment.

The siren on battalion 5 had its driver fail this past month. Pursuit lighting was contacted and the driver will be replaced under warranty along with two LED lights on the rear.

Lt. Budnik has added an air pack (SCBA) to car 5 for use on investigations and Hazardous Materials calls.

Lastly, we sent out both our Alt Air monitors for repair and calibration. While at the shops we were provided with loaners. Both of our units are now returned and back in service.

We also had issues with "ghost" images on our thermal imaging camera. This went out to Air One/MSA for repair and should be back by our next issue. We have placed in service a loaner on Engine 5 while we await our unit.

## EMS Director's Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Our new Ambulance 5 (463) went into service this past month. Everyone was trained on it and its operation along with a driving program. We are very satisfied with our new vehicle.

We are also pleased to report the outcome of a call on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, when a 31 year old male presented to the Schiller Park fire station complaining of not feeling well. The patient had a friend drive him to the firehouse when chest pain developed while playing soccer. As the patient came to the station, the entire on duty compliment of paramedics were on hand to help this patient.

The crew was assessing the patient and obtaining a 12 lead when the patient had a sudden change in his mental status. This was due to V-fib. He was quickly defibbed with successful conversion to SR, and a regain of orientation. The 12 lead suggested an Acute Anterior MI.

Full ALS care was provided according to the SOP's and the patient was safely transported to Resurrection Medical Center. The patient quickly went to the Cath lab where it was found that he had a 100% occlusion of his LAD (the Widow Maker).

The patient is doing well following this procedure. The quick and appropriate action provided by FF/PM Jessica Warden, PM Matt Zydlo, FF/PM Nick Santiago, FF/PM David Farias, assisted by Lt. Jerry Budnik, FF/PM Gregory Swiontek, and FF/PM Bertoncini made the difference in the outcome for the patient's life. (See Notes)

EMS Week this year was May 19-25<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year was "EMS, One Mission, One Team". Resurrection Medical Center treated each shift to pizza while a thank you note was received from Northwest Community Hospital with gourmet cookies.

FF/PM LiRosi has taken over all of the CPR classes and instruction. He will coordinate both the private and the village sector. FF/PM Hudecek,



Niemand, Bubis and PM Jenkins and Kosar are all still instructors helping out. We are averaging 3-4 classes per month with 50 plus students.

We have two Northwest Community Hospital paramedic students riding with us. They are currently assigned to riding on Red and Gold. They are in Phase I of their training and observing. They will move into Phase II where they will be active participants. The preceptors for Schiller Park are PM Jenkins, FF/PM Leiser, FF/PM Bubis, FF/PM Gergits and EMSD Nosek. The students will be with us until they complete Phase III. Good luck to these men and offer guidance when necessary.

When doing run sheets please verify that you have the correct incident number. All incident numbers from Schiller Park dispatch are seven digits. Also to help prevent the computers from overheating, leave the lid open.

Worldwide there continues to be a shortage of certain drugs that we administer. It may be impossible to exchange certain drugs at the hospital because of the shortage. I will be coming out with an FYI to inform you of any developments.

Please remember that any unused or empty controlled substance vials must be brought into the hospitals for them to replace. If you have any questions or concerns, please see EMSD Nosek.

Please consult the FYI's on the EMS Clipboard in the kitchen for complete info and updates.

## Other EMS bits...

Tony was able to solve the electrical problem on Ambulance 6 by replacing the 20 amp breaker. This should solve the problems we have been having, the breaker kept malfunctioning.

We are looking at removing from service all the blue backboards and keeping in front line service the green

combi ones. If needed, we can use the blue Iron Duck backboards as spares. If you have any questions consult with EMSD Nosek.

New Ambulance 5 had its Knox box installed this past week. It will shortly have a rack installed in the cab for miscellaneous forms and books rather than strewn about on the floor of the cab.

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.

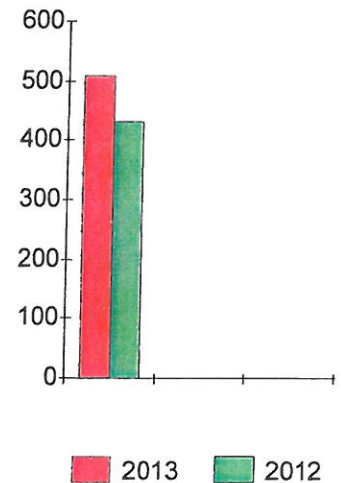
Please refer to the clipboard in the kitchen for any new updates in the Bureau.

During the past month personnel responded to 121 emergency calls. A total of 128 patients were encountered. 90 patients were transported to area hospitals. 47 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

|                     | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Responses     | 510         | 430         |
| Cardiac             | 28          | 36          |
| Medical Emergency   | 264         | 232         |
| Accidents/Trauma    | 128         | 102         |
| Fire Responses      | 85          | 56          |
| False Alarm/Standby | 5           | 6           |
| Mut. Aid to SHPK    | 23          | 9           |
| SHPK to others      | 23          | 16          |



## 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.

FF/PM Bertoncini added track lighting and a dimmer to the West Wing of the firehouse and the portrait gallery. He also added a three way switch to be operated at either end of the hallway. The hall will be painted before the end of the end.

Members of Gold shift led by FF/PM Bertoncini re-built the fire department bench in front of the firehouse. The older wooden slats were replaced with recycled plastic "lumber". He also designed, built and molded a form for new concrete supports for the bench.

An exhaust fan was added to the top of the stairway on a timer. This will help disperse the heat that comes up the stairway in the summer and exhaust it to the outside. It should keep the heat in the chimney stairway from entering the living quarters and thus keep the building cooler and more energy efficient.

The former Westside overhead doors interior was dura-rocked and will be taped, mudded and painted soon.

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 2
- Additional outlets at station 2
- Emergency phone outside sta. 2
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Install window in TV. Room
- 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*

### **May Trivia**

May 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 saw a first in the history of the Schiller Park Fire Department. What was it?

This was the wedding date of FF/PM Warden. This is our first full time member that had their name legally changed from when they entered started on the fire department. She entered the fire service as FF/PM Arquette.

There were no correct answers that were submitted.

### **June Trivia**

What were the only 2 firehouses in Chicago that matched American LaFrance Engine and Truck companies at the same time?

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.

Cmdr. Leiser and Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Training and Safety Officers meeting.

Cmdr. Chiodo, Cmdr. Leiser, Lt. Cesaretti and Lt. Budnik all attended the Active Shooter training drill put on by our police department.

Cmdr. Chiodo, Cmdr. Leiser and EMSD Nosek also attended the Division 20 training on "How to Handle Active Shooters, EMS/Fire Response".

FF/PM Warden completed the State Fire Marshal Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Class. She will be certified shortly.

Cmdr. Chiodo, FF/PM Swiontek and FF/PM Leiser all attended the Strike Force Seminar on NFPA 921 (Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators).

FF/PM Santiago completed the OSFM Rope operations class.

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the seminar on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's).

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the AT and T "Text to 9-1-1" seminar.

FF/PM Niemand completed a Fire Alarm Plan Review course.

We are in the process of co-hosting a Vehicle Machinery Operations class September 23-27<sup>th</sup>. It will be limited to 20 students and be held in Schiller Park/Northlake. We will have three of

our members attending as students and one as an instructor. We hope to have completed teaching certification to train the remaining members of our department.

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.

We are looking into the possibility of hosting some State Fire Marshal classes including technical rescue and fire apparatus engineer. I will notify personnel if openings occur.

We will also have in the new future a Fire Service Vehicle Operator class (FSVO).

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.

I have also obtained railroad ties for training in using different techniques for cutting, i.e. chopping with axes, mauls, saws. They are located behind the firehouse.

Members completed 271 hours of training for the month with 33 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 meetings for 16 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.

## Employee of the Month

This month two members were nominated and acknowledge as our Employees of the Month—Gold Shift members Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Bertoncini, FF/PM Swiontek, FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Santiago, FF/PM Warden and PM Zydlo.

As mentioned above these members acted professionally when a person walked in not feeling well. They were able to put all their training and expertise to work and were a team in providing the best possible care to anyone who walks through the doors or who we encounter on calls. As all these members shyly said, "we were just doing our job".

To these members it may be their job, but we believe that being a firefighter and/or a paramedic is a 'calling'.

These members made a difference that may happen once in a career—to truly save a life. The gratitude that we have and the family is PRICELESS!

For your commitment to our department we are honored to call you our Employee of the Month.

Thanks for your time and dedication, you make us proud to be firefighters and in the fire service and village employees.

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Cmdr. Chiodo.



## Fire Prevention

*An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure*

Shifts are working on their 2013 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 about 183 total inspections have been completed.

We may soon see some development in the West Gateway area. A proposal for a parking garage is being presented to the Village.

Our Water Department has also requested that on any new or upgraded fire suppression system that the by-pass meter on the backflow protection be either a Neptune or Census water meter. These are compatible with our MXU system.

Please remember on emergency numbers forms to circle which shift the inspection is assigned to. That way it can go in the correct file and may save a re-inspection trip if that was all they required.

We also want to ensure that all PRE-PLAN sheets are returned and handed in to Cmdr. Maher or FF/PM Niemand. These are ESSENTIAL for us to try to complete our computer based pre-plan program. Cmdr. Maher will begin to strictly enforce the policy on completing these documents with possible disciplinary action for non-compliance. When you bring back your fire inspections, make a copy of the pre-plan forms and submit to FF/PM Niemand. He is CAD drawing the diagrams with the information. He is also using satellite imagery in each of the files. This process will take a year or more to import, drawn and download to our laptops. IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS PAPERWORK AS IT IS PART OF THE PRE-PLAN THAT IS ISO NECESSARY.

Cmdr. Maher is reviewing several

new businesses in town. We have several major projects that are in the works.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see me. I 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 Cmdr. Maher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to storz fittings. Please consult with Cmdr. Maher.

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.'s Leiser and Maher will advise those needing the class when it is available.

Cmdr. Maher plans on retiring in the near future. As such he is beginning a transition to his replacement Lt. Hatcher. More to follow.

## Public Affairs

### *Saving Lives Through Education*

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

We are tentatively planning on having the Fire Departments thank you to the other Village Employees Gyro party on July 15<sup>th</sup>. This is being done in conjunction with the Firefighter's Association. Look for our flier.

The Illinois Fire Inspectors Association has decided to move its Public Education Conference from Galena to East Peoria next year. The dates will be April 30-May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Members attended the D.A.R.E. graduation at Washington school May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are planning next school year and

working with all the schools in Schiller Park. Next year each school will have a firefighter assigned as a liaison/representative to the school. They will coordinate all activities with that school and be a resource officer between the school and the fire department. The schools are excited and on board.

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

FF/Pm LiRosi also continues to work in training and teaching CPR classes.

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.

## Notes

We received one letter from the parents of the man saved mentioned earlier in our newsletter.

*Members of the Fire Department working at noon on June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Just a small token of the HUGE appreciation and gratitude we have for your help in saving our son's life on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your expertise, knowledge and devotion keeping our son, Michael, alive to get him to cardiac care at Resurrection Medical Center. He is ALIVE and WELL because of you and your quick action. We wished we could be there in person and thank and hug each of you, but we live in Nebraska. THANK YOU again for saving our son. You are TRUE HEROES!*

Joe and Pat

## Retiree Row

FF/PM Maleady (ret.) stopped by to visit on May 17<sup>th</sup>. John is doing well and spoke of the times he had with the fire department and how much he misses all the members and the job. Director Deegan took him out for lunch before returning to the

firehouse to share more memories.

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).

## Stork Report

It has come to our attention that the Gergits are expecting their first child in October. Our best to them both as the Stork prepares to land with a bundle of joy.

## Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

Members are supporting the Wounded Warrior Project helping Veterans by wearing and selling fire department camouflage uniform t-shirts and rubber wristbands. We will be selling the shirts on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the BP station on Mannheim.

We are also supporting our Fr. Department chaplain Fr. Rob in the Racine Ironman challenge. Anyone wishing to donate should see FF/PM Schneider.

We will be sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Employee Appreciation luncheon on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will again serve Gyros to all Village employees starting at noon. More details to follow. We will also be attending the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn camp called "Camp I Am" June 19<sup>th</sup>. Members will bring up Engine 6 for the parade and Appreciation Day formerly Visitors day.

The Schiller Park FOP will be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found on the kitchen board. Put your foursome together!

## And Finally...

The happier the time, the more quickly it passes.

## Deadlines

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

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