

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

We begin on May 9<sup>th</sup> when Red shift responded to a car fire. The car was in the parking lot of a hotel in town and an employee tried to extinguish the fire with 2 portable fire extinguishers. The hood was forced open by firefighters and approximately 100 gallons of water used to put out the fire. The fire appeared to originate behind the driver side headlight.

The next day another vehicle incident occurred, this time with the vehicle striking a light pole.

After shift change on the 10<sup>th</sup> Gold shift was detailed to the NIKE forest preserve area where United States marine Corps “poolies” were training doing physical fitness. During their training session medical attention was needed twice. (see photos).

During the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Maywood Fire Department responded to Proviso East High School for a working fire. Soon the fire was elevated to a third alarm and our engine was due as a change quarter company. While in their station Lt. Swiontek and Gold shift engine members took in an ambulance call.

May 14<sup>th</sup> saw Gold shift respond to the toll way for an accident with injuries. En-route dispatch said one of the persons involved in the accident called to say he had three persons needing to go to the hospital. An ambulance from Rosemont was then requested to assist our first in ambulance.

Black shift on May 17<sup>th</sup> responded to an activated fire alarm. On scene they found that food spilled in the microwave activated the fire alarm.

At 4:00 A.M. in the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>, Black shift took in another call in the Schiller Woods for a vehicle accident. On scene members found that the incident was a deer versus a car. The driver was transported to the hospital and it didn't look to good for the deer.

Red shift May 22<sup>nd</sup> was dispatched automatic aid to Norwood Park for a fire. On scene they had a house fire and our tower ladder was assigned as the rapid intervention team. As the fire continued the Norwood Park incident commander requested investigators and we provided our on duty investigator.

After Gold shift relieved Red shift, members were called out to a house where the resident smelled natural gas and was unable to re-lit the pilot. Lt. Swiontek, FF/PM Bubis and FF/Pm Bertoncini responded. They used monitors and found no gas leaking and then informed the resident that there was NO pilot light as it was an electronic ignition. The furnace was in working order.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> had a call from a resident with water dripping from the ceiling and the apartment uninhabitable. Cmdr. Chiodo responded and found that there was no immediate problem and referred the complaint to Community Development for follow up.

A person trapped in the elevator on May 25<sup>th</sup> had made a cell phone call to 9-1-1 saying they were trapped. Gold shift members responded and using their elevator key was able to open and release the elevator. The person was very grateful not to be trapped any longer.

Members working May 26<sup>th</sup> on Black shift responded to an unresponsive person. On scene they found Schiller Park Police performing CPR. After advance life support intervention and defibration they were able to successfully revive the man. By the

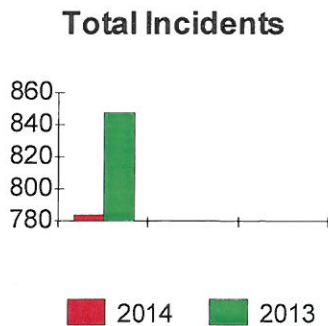
time members got him to the hospital he was talking to them asking what happened.

May 27<sup>th</sup> the Schiller Park Police department requested assistance from the Fire Department with a ladder to the roof of a building for a police investigation.

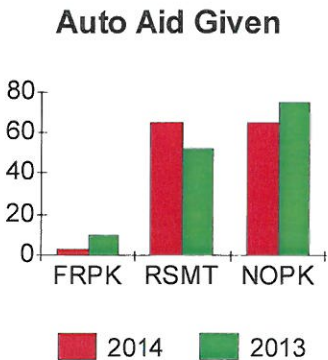
Gold shift next day aided a mother who locked her kids in her car with her child. The fire department was able to gain access and the 18 month reunited with mom.

The last call of the reporting period happens on May 7<sup>th</sup> when members respond to a fire alarm. They were met at the back door by an employee who was cooking in the kitchen. He activated a smoke detector for no known reason.

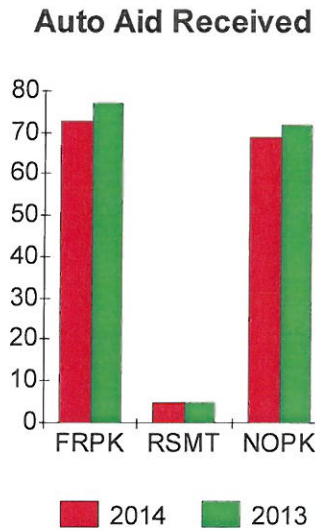
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2013:



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



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



	2014	2013
Total Incidents	784	847

**Auto Aid to:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	3	10
Norwood Park (NOPK)	65	75
Rosemont (RSMT)	65	52

**Auto Aid From:**

Franklin Park (FRPK)	73	77
Norwood Park (NOPK)	69	72
Rosemont (RSMT)	5	5

firefighter paramedic. He will start the fire academy at NIPSTA in July.

The Police and Fire Commission is processing another candidate to replace EMSD Nosek who has announced his retirement.

EMSD Nosek is retiring after 35 years of service to Schiller Park. Rick has worked as a paramedic, Assistant EMS Director, EMS Coordinator and EMS Director during his tenure with both the Schiller Park Emergency Medical Services Department and eventually the Schiller Park Fire Department.



The Village honored several members of the Police, Fire and Dispatch at the Village Board meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. P.O. Kubercyk, Cmdr. Chiodo, FF/PM Miletta, Leao, Werner and PM Davis were all honored.

Lt. Anderson (ret.) was elected to the Firefighter Pension Board. He replaces Cmdr. Jeffrey (ret.).

Personnel changes in our surrounding area include the following- Bensenville announced the retirement of Battalion Chief Kevin Herrick and the promotion of Richard Tam to battalion Chief.

Rosemont also promoted two of their

## Commander's Cove

*We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

Probationary FF/PM Dehmlow completed the NIPSTA fire academy on June 13<sup>th</sup> and returned to shift on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> being assigned for three months to Black shift before his rotation to the other two shifts.

At the Village Board meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> the Police and Fire Commission swore in Graham Loch as our newest

Rosemont also promoted two of their members recently. Kevin Kukulka and John Aichinger are now Deputy Chiefs in charge of Patrol and Administrative respectfully.

A number of surrounding communities have also changed their Box Alarm cards. Please refer to the Binder in the Kitchen for the latest cards and the effective date of June 1, 2014.

The Wounded Warrior Project is hosting a Soldier Ride June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> which will travel through Schiller Park on River road.

The Illinois Legislature panel also has increased the penalties for driving recklessly around emergency vehicles. The new fine is up to \$10,000 and be a Class 4 felony and a two year driver's license suspension. It now goes to the full Senate.

We have also been invited to several parades over the Summer. These include Lyons, Elmwood Park and Westchester's 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Broadview 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 remind all personnel that Schiller Park's Centennial Parade is June 28<sup>th</sup> and that any help with logistics would be greatly appreciated. See Director Deegan.

The Village will be implementing the new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system in mid July. All employees who will be using it including police, fire, records administrators will be trained in early July. This system will be interoperable with all records and reduce duplication.

Phase IIB of the Crystal Creek project is beginning to improve flow of the creek. Work has begun along Denley and should be completed by August.

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 has begun 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.

## EMS Briefs

**J**ust an update on activities within the bureau...

As mentioned earlier, EMSD Nosek will be retiring after 35 years. His last day will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. The department had cake and coffee for him on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He was joined by family, friends and other fire department personnel wishing him well. The Village will honor him for his service at a Board meeting July 17<sup>th</sup>. Rick has worked as a paramedic, Assistant Director, EMS Coordinator and Director of EMS in both the old Emergency Medical Services Department and the Fire Department. Rick's last day will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish him well. (see accompanying articles).

Lt. Swiontek is assuming the current duties as EMS Supervisor. He will remain also in charge of the Operations Division and will evaluate the needs and direction of the EMS bureau and decide on best practices for our future.

We would also like to welcome back Matt Takoy as one of our part-time paramedics. Matt worked with our department for several years before taking a job as a firefighter in Mt. Prospect. During his probationary period there he could not work for another department.

PM Ryan Guifoil has submitted his resignation. Ryan was accepted into physician assistant school and will be pursuing that full time.

We had this past month our Life pak units tuned up.

The pocket SOP's from Northwest Community Hospital were also distributed. If you did not get a copy see Lt. Swiontek.

The drug cabinet on Ambulance 5 was also repaired.

FF/PM Warden has taken on the role of our PBBI representative with Northwest Community hospital.

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.

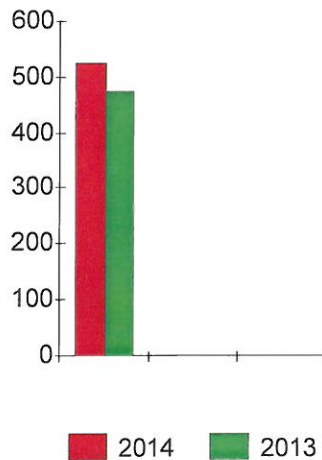
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 111 emergency calls. A total of 97 patients were encountered. 72 patients were transported to area

hospitals. 47 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Responses	526	476
Cardiac	41	33
Medical Emergency	252	251
Accidents/Trauma	134	116
Fire Responses	92	72
False Alarm/Standby	3	4
Mut. Aid to SHPK	12	17
SHPK to others	19	17

### 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.

We added the emergency strobes on the exterior of the building on the east side of the firehouse. This was a project that we planned for the last year and now accomplished.

We also had the kitchen stove tuned up. The pilot burners were not working properly and the temperature in the oven was off by over 100 degrees.

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*

### May Trivia

The Division uses Box 3001 for incidents? What are these incidents?

Box 3001 is used in Division 20 for Swift water rescue involving single incidents.

No one answered this month's trivia question correctly.

### June Trivia

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

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 Dehmlow completed his firefighter training at NIPSTA and is currently assigned to Black shift.

Probationary Firefighters Velesco and Leao continue their probation. They rotated shifts for further evaluation June 17 and 18th.

We swore in a new member Graham Loch on June 19<sup>th</sup> and are processing another candidate. We plan on having both attend the next fire academy July 14<sup>th</sup> at NIPSTA.

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

Cmdr. Leiser attended the Division 20 Safety and Training Officer meeting.

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

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Strike Force fire investigators seminar in Rosemont.

FF/Pm Leiser attended the Division 20 fire investigators meeting.

Lt. Budnik, FF/PM LiRosi and FF/PM Farias all completed the State Fire marshal Vehicle Machinery Operations class.

FF/PM Bubis completed NIMS 300 and 400 classes.

Cmdr. Chiodo, FF/Pm Gergits and Leiser assisted in teaching the Vehicle Machinery Operations class.

Members have also had the opportunity to train in the old Hartwig building which will eventually be torn down. Members practiced roof

operations, ventilation and hose operations.

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

Acting Officers and those wishing to take the next Lieutenants test are strongly encouraged to take the NIMS 300 and 400 classes. Upcoming classes have been posted.

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 EMSD Nosek as our Employees of the Month.

Rick started off the department as one of the original civilian paramedics over 35 years ago. Rick was subsequently appointed EMS assistant director, coordinator and director.

During his time Rick also took positions on committees within the division, Illinois Terrorism task Force, and Northwest Community hospital.

Rick helped have Schiller Park be the test site for several initiatives in EMS.

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 214 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.

June 8<sup>th</sup> the fire department hosted the End of the Year Ice Cream Social. Over 300 children and their families attended. (see photos).

FF/PM Bertoncini also re-built the bench out front so that we can interact with the public and sit in front of the firehouse.

We were fortunate enough to have lunch with a 30 year old cardiac survivor who walked into our firehouse and coded over a year ago.

FF/PM Werner attended the graduations at our schools this past month including D.A..R.E.

PM Jenkins accompanied Kennedy school on one of their field trips.

Members participated in the May 17<sup>th</sup> Wall of Honor ceremony at Clock Tower Park.

Members also supported our Police Department with their Cop on Top at Dunkin Donuts May 30<sup>th</sup> to raise money for special Olympics.

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

EMSD Nosek submitted his letter for retirement. Here it is in full-

"In July of 1978, I began my career with the Village of Schiller Park as a part-time paramedic with the Emergency Squad. In April of 1979, I was hired as one of the original "Civilian" Paramedics. At that time I set the goal to leave the place better than when I started. Over the next four decades I saw our paramedic program expand and improve. I feel I have accomplished that goal. Over the course of my career I was entrusted with ever-greater responsibilities, serving in every EMS management position, eventually becoming EMS Director.

It has been an exhilarating ride. I have been truly privileged to serve three mayors; three village managers; five fire chiefs and numerous trustees. I have worked with some wonderful coworkers, not only in the fire department, but also in all of the other village departments, as well as with members of surrounding fire departments.

During my almost thirty-six year career, besides working as an administrator, I have also worked every shift as a field paramedic, assigned to an ambulance, caring for thousands of residents and visitors to the village. That has been the accomplishment I am proudest of!

Daily ambulance duty has also taken a toll physically. I was fortunate to return to duty after a serious back injury in 2009. I live with chronic pain resulting from that injury and the knowledge that such an injury could happen again. While it did not dampen my enthusiasm for the job, it

is a reminder that I am not getting any younger.

That said it is time for me to scale back. I feel it is time to prepare for the next phase of my life and spend more time with my family. Therefore I intend to retire from the fire department. My resignation is to be effective June 27, 2014.

I would like to thank the administration for their faith in my abilities and to all the employees of the village of Schiller Park for enriching my life."

s. Richard Nosek, EMS Director

The Maywood Fire Department sent a thank you for our assistance during their 3-11 fire at Proviso East High School. During the fire we changed quarters and took in an ambulance call for them.

A note was received from Bette Wilmot thanking our department for helping her dad on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Her father was a former paid on call member and they were glad to see how the enthusiasm and professionalism continues to this day. They appreciated all that the members did in care and treatment even when most of the current members did not know her dad.

Thanks were received from the ABC (All About Children) Committee thanking the fire department for showing up and spraying the kids at their first annual picnic.

The American Heart Association thanked the members of our department who saved a man in his thirties who is so grateful that he has become one of their spokesmen.

A note was received from Allied Waste for our help at a fire in Hillside where we assisted the Hillside fire department on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association participated in the Fill the Boot for Burn Camp May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. Over \$1,500 was raised.

Members participated in the Camp I Am visitor day on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our members arrived to be in the parade with Squad 5.

The Bandits softball team in Rosemont will have a 1<sup>st</sup> responder night July 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$8 for upper box, \$11 for lower box.

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.



## And Finally...

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

## 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).

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 -Members of the Schiller Park Fire Department practice technical rescue.

Page 8-Members observe Marine Corp recruits, Roof operation training with Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Farias

Page 9- Parking garage on Mannheim, new horseshoe tavern and ABC 1<sup>st</sup> annual picnic

Page 10 – 12 The Division 20 Vehicle Machinery Operations Extrication (VMO) class had plenty of hands on experience. Over 40 vehicles were used and cut up using various techniques.



