

Booster Line

“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 14th when Gold shift a fire alarm at the toll way oasis ended up being steam from a pizza oven setting off the alarm in one of the restaurants.

Gold shift then took in the fire alarm in one of our hotels. The fire investigative team found that a manual pull station was activated in the stairwell.

Members then responded to an ambulance call. Because both of our ambulances were committed on other calls, a mutual aid ambulance from River grove was requested.

This was followed up a bit later with a two motorcycle accident on Irving Park road at the Des Plaines River. Because of the nature and seriousness of the accident a third member was sent with the ambulance to the Level One trauma center Lutheran General.

The shift ended on the 16th when Lt. Swiontek and Black shift rescued a child from a locked car. The owner gave permission to attempt entry for the 2 year old.

The next day, the 17th, Lt. J. Leiser took in a call for the car sparking. The owner stated that he had trouble accelerating and pulled over. Here he noticed sparks coming from under the car. Members checked out the engine compartment to determine the location and cause.

Lt. Swiontek arrived on scene with his engine on May 21st for another lock out. This time it was a woman who accidentally locked herself out of her house. After confirming her identify and her house, members used the “W” tool to enter.

A vehicle accident on the toll way May 24th had multiple patients requiring Cmdr. Leiser to request an ambulance from Rosemont for transport.

May 26th saw Red shift take in a garbage truck on fire. On scene it was a fire between the cab and cargo area. The driver attempted to extinguish it with his portable extinguisher prior to our arrival.

A fire alarm in a hotel on the 30th had Schiller Park respond only to find a pull box was hit by accident.

An incident along Irving Park on May 30th had dispatch send us for a gun shot victim. Battalion 5 requested Tower Ladder 5 for manpower and assist. Franklin Park was also requested with an ambulance for a second patient. Our ambulance had an additional firefighter accompany them to Lutheran General.

June 1st had Gold shift respond to an ambulance call.

A call on United Parkway June 5th had a fire response. Lt. Swiontek and the crew got on scene and was met by maintenance who said they broke a sprinkler head while they were putting in ceiling tile. Members temporarily shut the system down and assisted with some water removal before returning to quarters and having the sprinkler company make the repair.

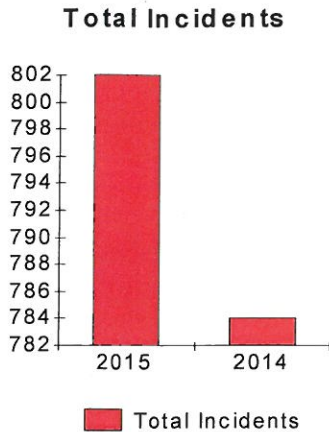
The reporting period ends on the 5th when Gold shift responded for a motor vehicle crash. On scene Lt. J. Leiser and the “boys” found one vehicle under a tractor trailer. Luckily the driver of the car was out and refused medical car.

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



	2015	2014
Total Incidents	802	784

a Firefighter/Paramedic. With the current list near depletion, the Fire and Police Commission have begun the testing process. Application deadline is July 17th at 3 PM.

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	6	3
Norwood Park (NOPK)	92	65
Rosemont (RSMT)	59	65

FF/PM Matt Zydlo completed his training at the NIPSTA fire academy and graduated June 12th. He returned and is assigned to Red shift.

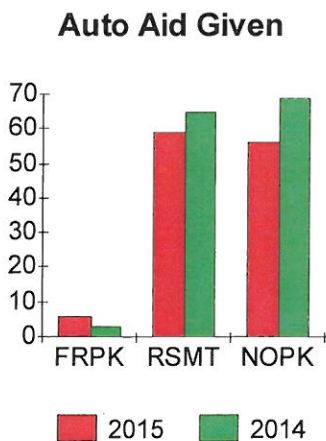
Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	63	73
Norwood Park (NOPK)	56	69
Rosemont (RSMT)	6	5

All Division 20 departments submitted revised Box Alarm cards for distribution. Some towns have updated theirs and moved us up. A copy has been placed in the Kitchen and electronic versions on the Officers computers.

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

The run summary



Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

It is with great sadness that we inform you of two deaths that affect our firehouse family.

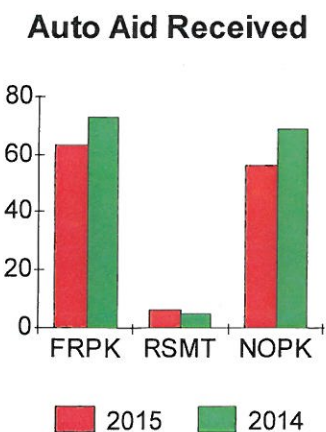
The Village has placed several Kiosks around town. This is another opportunity to see what is going on in town that might not be found in the Booster Line.

The first death is FF/Pm Zydlo's dad, Dr. Stan Zydlo. Dr. Zydlo passed away after suffering ill health for the last couple of years. Dr. Zydlo was known to many of us as the project medical director of Northwest Community Hospital and who taught the first generations of paramedic. Members attended both the wake and funeral.

At the end of May, Chief Chiodo attended the Illinois Fire Chief's symposium. One of the main topics was the integrated health care system. We will be disseminating that information through the officers.

After a recent Haz Mat incident in Bensenville, we were able to re-coup \$800 in expenses from the spiller.

for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "From" the following communities:



The second death was of Teofilo Juliano a retired member of our paid on Call. He spent 33 years with the fire department rising to Fire Marshal. Members attended his wake and funeral. (see photo)

Chief Chiodo and Cmdr. Cesaretti had an opportunity to attend the Illinois Home Legislative Day at NIPSTA June 4th. Here they had an opportunity to meet their legislative aides and share our concerns and needs.

Members also participated in the Village Wall of Honor ceremony on May 16th at Clock Tower Park honoring our veterans.

Our Congratulations to Chief Ventura of Elmwood Park and Chief Gaertner of Broadview on their recent retirements.

The Fire and Police Commission swore in Probationary FF/PM Blum at the Village Board meeting. Kevin comes to us via Lincolnwood and Prospect Heights where he served as

At the Village Board meeting on June 18th, the Board adopted revisions to the Code pertaining to the Fire Department. Some of the significant changes include: Ending the paid on

Call firefighters after 90 years, removing the fire prevention portion from this section, eliminating the fire cadet program and having the Village Board approve all assignments.

With the ending of the Paid On Call program, Chief Chiodo is planning a Pizza Appreciation Party Monday July 13th 7PM in the firehouse for all current and former members of our department as a thank you for their time, dedication, duty, pride and tradition. We will follow that 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. Please join us for both celebrations.

The Administrative Staff of the fire department was confirmed on June 18th at the Board meeting. Cmdr. Leiser will be in charge of Emergency Management/NIMS/Grants and Aid to Chief, Cmdr. Cesaretti will assume the Training Officer role, Cmdr. Hatcher will be Fire Prevention Coordinator, Lt. Swiontek the EMS Coordinator and Privacy Officer, Lt. Budnik Maintenance officer, and Lt. J. Leiser take over Special Operations and Functions.

Our thanks to the Village for switching vendors to Proxit and Scott Stephens as our new information and technology company. This is like a God send.

A special thanks goes out to Red and Gold shift who braved storms and flooding twice this past month. The first severe storm flooded the front office, dispatch and began to seep into the basement threatening all the dispatch hardware. Members mopped out dispatch and apply plastic to cover the electronics in the basement. The second storm knocked out both viaducts and forced Fire/EMS companies to cover both sides of town with split companies. (see photos).

Chief Chiodo will also host in the firehouse the first Coffee and Chat with the Chief on July 18th from 9-10 AM. This will be an informal coffee clutch to meet and talk with the residents and whoever shows up.

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:

After 48 years LET THERE BE LIGHT! The firehouse was able to install four windows on the west side of the building. This has changed the look, increased natural light and ventilation and improved morale as we are not in a windowless dungeon. We can't thank the Village enough for this. After the brick work was cut out FF/PM Bertoncini did the installation and trim. (see photos).

Members then painted the Commander office and the Great/Training Room. It looks great!!

We were also able to add some deck furniture and an awning on our deck. These items were paid not from tax dollars but from the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund.

What we did find in all the rain and storms this past month is that we have some leakage into the firehouse. After consulting both the roofer and HVAC people, it is believed to be a tuck pointing issue. We will have this looked into and the cost.

Members found that Engine 5's "Check Engine " light came on. After our mechanic Tony looked into it he found a voltage fluctuation requiring Global to investigate. Engine 5 went out of service and to the shops for repair. It has since returned.

The broken Knox Box key has been replaced by Knox in Tower Ladder 5. As part of the accountability we have to keep and save all broken keys.

FF/PM Niemand and FF/Pm Bubis have added additional hot spots in the firehouse for the Wi-Fi. These are located in the FPB office, Bunkroom, and kitchen.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Lt. Swiontek has purchased new laryngoscope handles for the

disposable blades and are placed in the peds bag.

Our CPR instructors taught four classes this past month with 26 students. We are also in the process of doing CPR training to citizens from India who hope to go back and teach these skills in a remote area. More info to follow.

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.

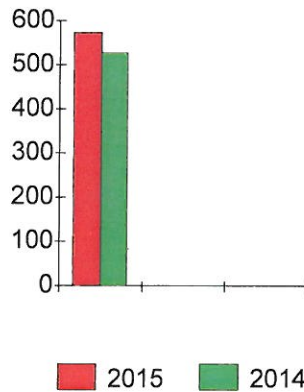
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

During the past month personnel responded to 108 emergency calls. A total of 100 patients were encountered. 70 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	108	572
ALS Transports	52	234

BLS Transports	18	118
Refusals/MPR's	20	108
Other Non Transports	2	22
Fire Responses	16	88
CPR Students taught	26	122
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	16
SHPK to others	8	22

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).

FF/Pm Bertoncini has installed windows on the west side of the firehouse. This additional has brought sunshine, light, ventilation and smiles to everyone's face. Thanks for the view! And everyone else who chipped in and helped in so many ways.

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

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

The world's tallest firefighting aerial device is the Bronto S-112 HLA. It can reach 290 feet up or 26 stories. (see photo).

There were three correct answers received. Dee Casey (Administration Schiller Park), Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester.

June Trivia

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

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. Cesaretti has assumed the reins of the Training Division. He is in the process of audited all the training records. He is verifying that all members have the required certifications as conditions of employment. If you know you need a certification or to take a test see him as soon as possible.

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 Schiller Park Fire Department has an acquired structure for training at 4001 Goss. Cmdr. Cesaretti has designed a number of training drills for this building. Do not do anything other than on the training schedule so that the structure is not compromised or unusable for the other shifts.

All shifts completed the annual Fire Service Vehicle Operator driving course. This was done in conjunction with Rosemont where everyone went through the practical driving portion. This training is essential for each member to realize the driver and vehicles limitations. This is an approved defensive driving course.

The training division has set up water rescue training dates June 24, 25, 26 at the Schiller Park Pool. Please remember to bring your swim suit. The Recreation Department will demonstrate their skills and work with us. Bear in mind that they are paying overtime for their personnel to be there so let's be on time.

Probationary FF/PM Zydlo completed the NIPSTA fire academy graduating

June 12th

Cmdr. Leiser and Chief Chiodo attended the Divisions Training and Safety Meeting.

FF/PM Santiago completed his vertical II, Confined space technician, trench technician, and Structural Collapse class as part of the State Fire Marshal program. He will soon take the state exam for certification.

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

Patrol Officer Chris Jordan has re-certified as an Arson Investigator with the State Fire Marshal. He is part of both our Schiller Park Fire Investigators and Division 20 team of investigators.

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

Cmdr 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 366 hours of training for the month with 49 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 three individuals as our Employees of the Month. NORCOMM dispatcher Mark Jenkins, Assistant to Village Manager Brian Bursiek and FF/PM Bubis.

We honor Mark Jenkins as a Dispatcher from NORCOMM who has worked dispatching fire departments for 20 years watching our backs and keeping us safe. Marks professionalism on the radio and his calm demeanor gets us the resources needed at our incidents. Mark started at NORCOMM when it was based in the front office at the Northlake Fire Protection District and has worked faithfully for the fire service. When Superior took over NORCOMM, he followed. Mark truly has the fire service in his heart and will always be one of us. (see photo)

Our second nominee is Brian Bursiek. Brian was instrumental in originally finding Scott Stephens company AIS computers. They did great work for the Village in IT. After Scott left the service and quality slipped significantly. After Scott left his previous employer and began his own company, Brian approached him if he was interested in bidding on the Village business. Brian asked the department heads what they thought

and it was a resounding YES bring him back. Brian then got the proposal and put together a presentation for the Village Board to consider. The Board decided it was in our best interest to have his company Proxit return with Scott as our contact. For getting us the best service and IT people we thank Brian for making it happen.

Our fire department nominee is FF/PM Bubis. Tim has organized and re-structured our CPR program. He took the work done by his predecessors FF/PM LiRosi and PM Kosar and built upon it a sustainable program. He re-structured the fee schedule so that we were breaking even as opposed to losing money, got additional instructors certified and set up a regular schedule for basic CPR and health care provider. Tim also has taught international residents who will bring the skills and training back to their home in India. Tim next set about setting up the new computer in the Chief's office. Tim was able to get all the components "talking" to each other and wireless features that we were told did not exist, he found and got working. This has helped the administration of the fire department significantly.

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 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 254 inspections with 158 inspections remaining.

Cmdr. 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, Cmdr. 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 Cmdr. 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 Cmdr. 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. Cmdr. Cesaretti is looking into the program if this should replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. Cmdr. Cesaretti will advise those needing the class when it is available.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

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.

Members participated on May 29th at the toll way oasis for a Child Safety Seat event. Parents and Grandparents could have their child and infant seats inspected to make sure that they were installed properly. FF/Pm Bubis on our department is certified and trained in this discipline.

We were fortunate that this past month Lincoln School dropped off "goodie" bags to the firehouse for the firefighters as a thank you.

Members attended the Cubs game as chaperones May 15th. We have tried to be role models and present in the schools whenever we can.

The department also hosted the end of year Ice Cream social May 22nd. This annual event was attended in the cool weather by over 100 persons. (see photo).

As part of the end of school year activities, our members attended the graduations of the Kennedy school kindergarten children, D.A.R.E. graduation, and Lincoln Middle school graduation.

Our firefighters also supported the Schiller Park Police Department "Cop on Top" at Dunkin Donuts supporting Special Olympics.

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.

Retiree Row

Lt. Anderson (ret.) stopped by the firehouse prior to the pension board meeting to say hello and see how everyone was.

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 Bear Necessities Fundraiser that the Schiller Park Firefighters Association sponsored June 13th at the BP raised \$1965 for pediatric cancer. Thanks to FF/PM Niemand, FF/PM Miletta and FF/PM Loch.

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 FF/PM Warden as she recuperates from a short term

disability. She is expected back July 1, 2015.

A note was received from Sandra Rosario on behalf of the Village thanking the fire department for their assistance in the 1st Annual 5K Dogs helping Cats animal walk held June 6th.

The Schiller Park Historical Society also thanked the fire department for their presence at the Wall of Honor ceremony .

The Cesaretti family also wished to thank the fire department for the support given them during Cmdr. Cesaretti's moms illness and death. The support at the funeral will not be forgotten.

And Finally...

Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will.

Deadlines

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

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

Page 7- Bunting honoring POC Juliano

Page 8- Section Bronto 290 foot largest aerial truck reaches 26 stories. NORCOMM Dispatch Mark Jenkins 20th Anniversary. Also present Chief Chiodo (L) Mark (M), Chief Hjelmgram (NTLK, [R])

Page 9- Members cover up dispatch electronics in the basement. Also our new patch board in the kitchen.

Page 10-Village Board Meeting Chief Deegan (ret) honored with retirement plaque and badge.

Page 11-12 Part One of the installation of windows on west wall firehouse.

