

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 August 11th when Red shift responded to the toll way for a car fire. Upon arrival members found that smoke was coming from the engine compartment. Prior to our arrival, the State Trooper indicated that flames were showing. The hood was raised and the remaining fire was extinguished.

August 13th and this time Black shift responded to the toll way for a motor vehicle accident. Lt. Budnik found that a car had slid off the toll way ramp and into a guard rail. Our crew treated the driver.

Their next call was a carbon monoxide incident. The resident did not have a detector and was advised to wait outside. Lt. Budnik and his crew monitored the area and found a gas leak from the dryer. They also found the flue pipe not connected to the chimney, a leak from the first floor stove when the oven was “ON”. NICOR was notified and arrived on scene to assist.

Cmdr. Leiser took the next call with Station 5 companies and found that this fire alarm was due to cleaning in the general area setting off a smoke detector.

Red shift took the next shift day August 14th and responded to a fire in Franklin Park. Tower Ladder 5 was given the assignment of a primary search for a missing employee. After an accounting finally located the worker outside, the tower ladder company was sent to the roof to do ventilation over the burning machinery.

A fire alarm on August 18th had Gold

shift take in the call. On scene it was quickly determined that there was no fire. Workers indicated that a forklift had struck an overhead wire that was contacted to the fire alarm system and activated the alarm. All other fire companies were returned.

August 20th found Gold shift respond to a hotel for a person not answering the door. Police called for the fire department to assist and after gaining entry found that the guest has passed on.

A vehicle accident late in the afternoon involved two cars and five persons. Schiller Park firefighters and paramedics arrived on scene to find that two of the persons hopped into a taxi to catch a flight out of O'Hare airport.

Gold shift came to work on August 21st and quickly were dispatched to the toll way for a vehicle accident. Arriving on scene FF/PM Chung found that Northlake was dispatched to the same incident. The accident involved six cars and we helped document the refusals while Northlake transported to Lutheran General Hospital.

Lt. Hatcher arrived simultaneously with Chicago Fire Department on August 22nd. The vehicle accident had us work together with patient care and both us and Chicago transporting.

August 23rd and an odor investigation had Lt. Hatcher and his engine company find that the odor was due to a leak in a flexible gas line and the shut off. They were advised to replace the malfunctioning items before turning gas back on.

Cmdr. Maher and his truck then responded to Franklin Park for a fire. After being delayed by a train they arrived and staged until given further orders.

Gold shift took in an accident in the rail yard overnight. Concerned that it was be an incident with a rail or tank car, Cmdr. Chiodo dumped the house. On scene August 25th, members found that women who

might have been under the influence drove through the rail yard after hours and hit a container. Members treated and transported her.

An EMS incident on August 26th had Lt. Hatcher and Red shift detail a third person to the hospital as a driver.

He then took in his next EMS call where the person became violent requiring additional personnel to help out. Both the police and fire departments assisted to restrain and aid the patient.

They then responded to water in an elevator shaft and elevator car. They arrived to find that due to weather and construction water from above was getting into the elevator. The lock out tag out system was put in place until the repairs could be made.

August 29th had a fire response to a hotel. The fire investigation team led by Lt. Budnik found that the detection system was activated by burnt popcorn.

FF/PM Schneider took in call on August 29th to Mannheim and Irving involving a min van. The engine and ambulance assessed the persons on their injuries and found that the accident actually occurred on the toll way and they drove off the expressway to Schiller Park.

The following day another accident on the toll way when a motorist on a diet of fruit played gold in the hot sun. After returning to his car he decided to drive home. He became delirious on the toll way and disorientated and ran his car into the median. Our ambulance transported to Elmhurst hospital.

August ended on the 31st when a call for an Investigators Box Alarm and Haz Mat Box Alarm had Cmdr. Chiodo respond to Maywood. On scene a teenage who may have been despondent poured gasoline in the apartment and attempted to set the place on fire. Luckily his grandmother talked him out of it and called the fire and police departments.

Lt. Budnik then responded to a lock out for a resident. They left the house

and left the keys inside. The black shift members waited until the family members returned with keys rather than doing forcible entry and a costly repair.

September started with the Schiller Park fire department on the 4th and a fire in Norwood Park. Cmdr. Leiser and the ladder arrived on scene and were asked to do the primary search in the rear of the building.

After the shift changed Red shift took in a call for a CO detector going off. Our instruments read 21 ppm and then rose to 31ppm. The source was traced to a leaking gas coupling at the stove. The owner was advised to discontinue use until repaired.

September 10th found Lt. Hatcher and the Red crew take in another smell of natural gas call. Again using the Alt Air and Gas Trac monitors they were able to determine that the gas dryer had a small leak. The shut off was closed and the owners advised to get a servicemen to look at the dryer.

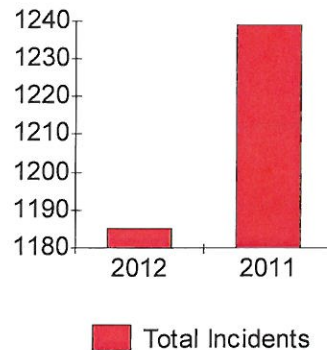
While companies were on the toll way for an accident on September 11th, a second accident call came in town. Cmdr. Chiodo used the callback personnel to man ambulance 6 and requested Franklin Park Ladder Truck 2 to the scene should manpower or extrication be necessary. Squad 5 eventually showed up and ambulance 6 made the transport.

The final call of this reporting period occurred on September 13th for a fire alarm. Black shift responded and investigated the building to find that someone had pulled a station alarm box. No other reason could be found and all occupants denied any knowledge of who might have done it.



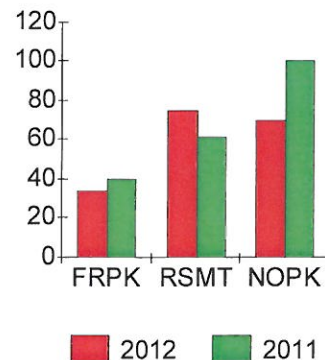
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2011:

Total Incidents



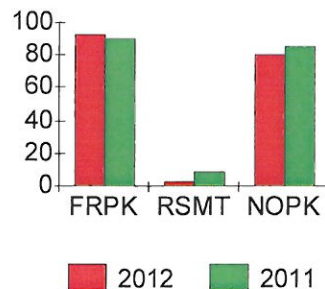
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of August 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of August 31st "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Incidents	1185	1239

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	34	40
Norwood Park (NOPK)	70	101
Rosemont (RSMT)	75	62

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	92	90
Norwood Park (NOPK)	80	85
Rosemont (RSMT)	2	9

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Police and Fire Commission administered the written portion of the Lieutenant test. Six members including FF/PM Chung, Swiontek, Bertocini, Schneider, LiRosi and Leiser took the test. The orals for those who passed the written will be administered on October 17th.

Director Deegan made the Autism through the fire service institute mandatory for all members. Everyone completed the class by September 1st.

All Officers are now in the process of completing the NIMS 706 training. This module focused on Automatic and Mutual Aid agreements.

POC DiMaggio continues on medical leave and hopes to return within a couple of months.

Our thanks to everyone who participated and helped coordinate the 9/11 Patriot Day dedication of our monument. (See photos).

IDOT has approved funding for the widening of Mannheim road from Irving north to the Kennedy. We are not sure at press time when this project will begin.

The new Tahoe that will replace the Explorer as Battalion 5 was delivered September 5th. It will then go out for lettering, lights, siren and equipment. We hope to have it in service during October and Christened by Fire Prevention Week. Photos detailing the transformation will be in our next issue.

Fire Director Deegan has also implemented a new Board Up Policy adopted by the Village Board. This will allow for the companies to be licensed and have back ground checks. It should eliminate on emergency scenes any hassle that owners may have as to legitimate companies.

The Village also has renewed the health insurance for employees. Most of the benefits have remained the same. Further information can be obtained from Gail Mini.

IDOT is working on several projects in the immediate area. These include road work at United and Mannheim. It is expected that United parkway will continue eastbound of Mannheim.

IDOT is also adding a traffic signal on River road at Technology drive in Rosemont. This light will be just north of Foster.

Our congratulations to a number of new promotions in our division and Village. We congratulate Cory Ryan of Leyden Township Fire Protection District on becoming Chief. Cory was number one on our departments hiring list in 1993 and passed up employment in favor of taking a position in Leyden. With his promotion Steve Tarnowski moved from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Closer to home Patrol Officer Snarski was appointed to be a detective with the Schiller Park Police department. Our best wishes go out to these men.

Bensenville will adopt new station numbering in the next month. Their vehicles will cease using 79 and 89 numbers and become station 17 and 18 with corresponding apparatus numbers.

Downers Grove is holding the 18th annual silent parade on October 12th. We have participated the last 10 years and again are looking for volunteers to represent us. See Director Deegan.

As development continues in Schiller Park, the old First Chicago/Chase bank at the Schiller Commons has come down to make room for a new Aldi's (see photos).

Cmdr. Leiser has been working with the FCC on re-licensing for the last six months. As part of the process he also petitioned them to increase the transmitter output wattage and to increase the height of our antenna. Our current license is for 75 watts at 40 feet. After review the FCC is granting us a license for 150 watts at 100 feet. We will now look into the cost of the changes.

We are also 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 accommodated 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:

Our Village mechanic worked on several projects this past month. These included repairing the front seat on tower ladder 5 that needed a new cushion.

It was also necessary to replace the siren on engine 5. It was originally thought that it could be repaired. Federal Signal the manufacture had made one repair and this time outright replaced it at their cost.

Lt. Budnik worked with Pierce to repair a gauge and pull lever on the pump panel on Tower 5.

Lt. Budnik also is coordinating the transition of our front signage on the firehouse from incandescent to LED. It will be brighter and more energy efficient.

The maintenance bureau also sent out SCBA #5 for repair. It was repaired at Air One and returned to service.

We continue to flow hydrants and have roughly 50 more to go. We have flowed almost 450 already.

The front Fire Department sign was also retro-fitted with LED lighting.

We also received a new monitor calibration kit for our three alt air monitors. It will currently be kept in the lieutenant's office. The maintenance bureau is looking at calibration on the monthly maintenance checks.

Engine 5 also had its rotary saw repaired at Russo's. It is now back in service on the rig.

If you would like to view all completed reports for each division of our department, training, EMS, inspections, station maintenance, vehicle maintenance and public

education can be found in the Chief's Monthly Report posted on the board and submitted to the Village Board.

EMS Director's Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

There have recently been some issues with the syncing of the life pak units. As I investigated the issue, I found that the software key had expired. A new key was provided by the vendor and now the computer and life pak are in sync again. There were no problems and this was quickly addressed and resolved.

We are still keeping in close contact with the vendor of our new ambulance. The committee has reviewed each step and stage of the building process. We will meet again to discuss other updates.

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.

As part of training and teaching department we have partnered with Northwest Community Hospital with the training of paramedic students. During the past month the two students have ridden several times as observers. It is anticipated that we will have the two new students sometime around October while in paramedic school. FF/PM Bubis and PM Jenkins will be proctoring these students. A new set of guidelines has been developed to evaluate the program including our needs and the students.

The Chill Core (hypothermia) case is now located in the lieutenant's office. A problem occurred with one unit and so the working unit will be shared and brought out by Battalion 5 until further notice.

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...

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.

Our mechanic Tony moved the secure Knox box system from ambulance 463 to ambulance 6. This will allow us to always have access to the keys on all equipment run out of station 5.

We also replaced the SPO2 sensor on the life pak on ambulance 5.

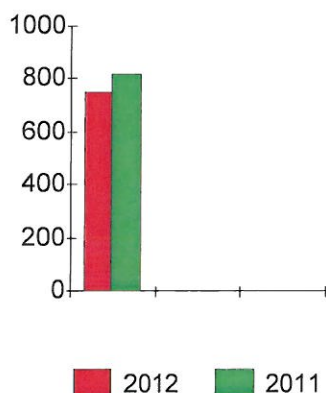
A new threat to be aware of that is making its way across the United States is the use of synthetic drugs.

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

During the past month personnel responded to 101 emergency calls. A total of 110 patients were encountered. 72 patients were transported to area hospitals. 61 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Responses	751	818
Cardiac	57	75
Medical Emergency	406	426
Accidents/Trauma	181	152
Fire Responses	100	122
False Alarm/Standby	9	13
Mut. Aid to SHPK	16	26
SHPK to others	23	33

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 are also working with the Village on the tuck pointing issue that has now caused mold growth in the classroom.

Lt. Budnik and his Bureau have also embarked on the following projects—a new exhaust fan will be installed at the top of the stairway in the firehouse to help vent heat that comes up the stairs from the apparatus floor. Hopefully this will help remove the high heat and humidity that plagues us during the summer.

The Bureau will also look into replacing the doors in the firehouse

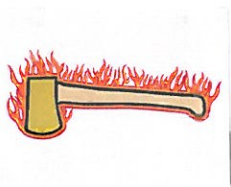
with new 6 panel doors. There are 13 doors in the firehouse that will eventually be replaced. To date the entrance to the kitchen, lieutenant office and hallway to laundry room have been replaced.

It was also noted that the exit onto the roof off the kitchen had the stringers falling apart. This will be a priority in replacing the means of egress. FF/PM Bertoncini has removed the old porch and has framed in a new one. It is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The BBQ will be re-installed.

Lt. Budnik also has the approval to replace the front electric signage with LED lighting. This will overtime save several thousand dollars in electrical costs and repairs. The work was completed and is now operational.

What's in the works? –

- Second circuit for electric in office
- Completing the deck
- New lights at station 2
- re-do firehouse rear entrance
- Additional outlets at station 2
- Emergency phone outside sta. 2
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint tool room floor
- Install window in TV. Room
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- Sta. 6 classroom
- Man station 6
- re-direct second exit stairway
- New high-rise load packing tool
- fully sprinkler the firehouse



Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

August Trivia

Where in the United States is the oldest operating fire station and when was it built?

The oldest in service operating fire station in the United States is in Madison, IN the Washington Fire Company 2 built in 1848.

No correct answers were submitted.

September Trivia

What industrial accident destroyed an entire volunteer fire department and where?

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.

FF/PM LiRosi completed the State Fire Marshal Trench Rescue Operations class.

FF/PM Santiago completed the Vehicle Machinery Operations class through the State Fire Marshal office.

FF/PM Bubis completed a mandatory online reporting course.

Cmdr. Leiser completed the NIMS 706 course.

We have also gone to a standard training calendar with the goal of moving everyone to the Advanced Firefighter Level. This replaced the old Firefighter III that was a job requirement. On the calendar the shift officers will determine at what time of the day the drill/training would best fit the needs of the department and shift for that day. This will also standardize training and hopefully expand the number of training hours for all members per ISO rating schedule. I will be working with the Training Bureau members to continually improve our training and methods. If you have any suggestions or would like to teach please see me.

The Village has also purchased the building at 9826 Lawrence. I am working with the Village Manager to see if we can use this structure for additional training experiences using ground ladders, roof ladders out tower and interior opportunities.

I have 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 am 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.

The OSFM has also created its latest flow charts for certifications through their office. A copy is posted in the kitchen.

Members completed 296 hours of training for the month with 37 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 4 meetings for 12 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 remember to 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.

Remember signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment for being there. If you cannot attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month we nominate and acknowledge as our Employee of the Month— Frank Banyai.

While Cmdr. Chiodo searched all over the Village for the Village owned overhead projector to no avail, as a last resort he asked Frank Banyai. The projector was necessary for fire department training. Frank acknowledged that he knew of its location and directed Cmdr. Chiodo there.

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

Members are in the process of working on their 2012 inspections. Each shift received approximately 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. We are in the process of finishing those assigned to each shift and completing the re-inspections. To date approximately 326 inspections have been completed with roughly 68 inspections remaining.

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.**

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

The Village has purchased property on Lawrence Ave. I will work with the training bureau to see about training.

For newer members once a class for Fire Prevention opens up you will be enrolled as part of your hiring process.

If you are interested in any of the plan review in the Fire Prevention office 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 stortz 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 now required of all probationary members. Cmdr.'s Leiser and Maher will advise those needing the class when it is available.

I also plan on retiring in the near future. As such I am beginning a transition to my replacement Lt. Hatcher. I hope you support him as well or better than me. More to follow.

Notes

Several notes were received for the fire department this past month.

The first came from Mrs. Tina Ippolito thanking the firemen and paramedics who came to rescue for her husband. The personnel were professional, kind and caring and she thanked everyone for the wonderful caring service.

A thank you was received from the Dusek's (POC) on the gift and card sent their twins born last month.

The Park Ridge Fire Department thanked us for our help during a box alarm fire in their community on

August 4th.

A thank you was received from Fr. Blazek at St. Maria Goretti for our donation to their parish picnic.

Our last thank you came from the Porro's who appreciate the sacrifice that the members make on a regular basis.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

A Patriot Day Program for 9/11 had a remembrance at 7:00 P.M. at Clock Tower Park where we also had the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial and the scrap iron from the Twin Towers. We also had the schools there singing and playing the national anthem, art work, local/community organizations present along with dignitaries.

FF/PM LiRosi is in the process of planning a Village wide seminar on disaster preparedness. This will be held on September 25th at Lincoln school and he is looking for volunteers to help.

He also continues to work in training and teaching CPR classes.

FF/PM Warden is working on having an Open House for the Fire Department on September 22nd. As part of the festivities we will have hot dogs, lemonade and demonstrations of fire department techniques and procedures. Please sign up to help with this event.

Fire Prevention Week is also fast approaching in October and the public education bureau will be looking for volunteers to help teach in the schools or man the smoke trailer. If you would be interested in helping see FF/PM LiRosi.

FF/PM LiRosi now has a voicemail for Public Education. If any calls come in please forward to his voicemail.

The former Back to School Ice Cream Social is now being moved to the end of the school year as a reward for the school children's hard work throughout the year. It also will help free up resources with so many other programs at the beginning of the school year. FF/PM Werner will be coordinating this event.

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

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association hosted its annual Pig Roast for members and their families on September 15th. The start time at Robinson Woods was 12:00 noon with lunch served at 2:00P.M. There were drinks, hotdogs, hamburgers and side dishes besides the roasted pig. The kids enjoyed games, a piñata and a jump house. (See photos)

Please support the Association in fundraising with our pop machine and M&M machine in the kitchen.

Retiree Row

Hank Mandziara dropped us a line stating that his retirement has been an adventurous blessing. He is interested in continuing to participate in department events when possible and loves being with his granddaughter (see photo).

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.

Stork Report

Lt. Hatcher and his wife Karla and son Jayden will be expecting an addition to their family mid-November 2012. We wish her a healthy pregnancy and baby.

And Finally...

No bird soars too high if they soar with their own wings.

Deadlines

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

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.

Photos--.

Page 8- Photos courtesy of Cmdr. Chiodo- Preliminary photos of the 9/11 Patriot Day celebration (note: next months issue will include full coverage with photos)

Hank Mandziara (ret.) sent along a picture of his granddaughter whom he and Penny are enjoying during retirement.

Page 9- 10 - Courtesy of Cmdr. Leiser-The annual Pig Roast and Fire/Police picnic in Robinson woods.

