

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 September to mid October. Several usual and unusual calls and incidents occurred as detailed below.

We begin on September 10th with a fire alarm in a commercial structure. Arriving on scene Lt. Swiontek was met by workers who indicated that while they were power washing they sprayed water into an alarm box.

On September 11th after the memorials from tragedies in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C., with smoke in the storeroom of a restaurant. Black shift investigating using thermal imaging cameras determined it was from a fluorescent light fixture ballast.

Before the shift ended they responded to an odor of smoke in a residence. FF/PM LiRosi on the engine determined it was from the refrigerator and advised the owner to contact a repair person to inspect.

September 14th had Gold shift take in a 5 car accident at Lawrence and River. Members assessed and assisted our EMS personnel and secured the scene.

A Hazardous Materials Incident in Berkeley on September 18th turned into a Box Alarm for hazardous Materials Technicians. FF/PM Chung the on duty technician responded to assist Berkeley and the Division 20 team.

After returning to quarters Schiller Park was dispatched to the scene of a motor vehicle accident. On scene members found a car on its side and

had to extricate the person by removing the windshield.

A fire alarm on September 20th had Black shift respond to a smoke in the building. The fire investigative team found the smoke in the laundry room and traced it back to the wash machine that overheated and malfunctioned.

A gas leak on the 23rd had FF/PM LiRosi and his engine respond. A broken gas line was found and slowed down by the use of a wooden wedge. NICOR was notified to respond to this location.

A fire in a garage on September 23rd had members respond to the single family house/garage. The fire was in the rear of the building and involved the fencing dividing the two properties. The skid line was dropped and advanced to the rear. The fire was now spreading and consuming the trash containers and garages. The lines were charged and the two garage fires were extinguished along with the rubbish and fence.

During the new hire orientation September 24th, Gold shift was dispatched to a structure fire in a commercial building. Arriving on scene smoke was billowing from the overheat door. Engine 5 lead out with a line and found that dust from a spray booth had ignited and spread into the duct work. A working fire response brought Franklin Park, Norwood Park, Rosemont and Leyden to the scene.

A laundry room filling up with smoke on September 26th had Gold shift take in the fire alarm. At this location Lt. Swiontek and the crew found a belt on a washing machine broken and produced smoke as it slipped before breaking. The area was ventilated using positive pressure fans.

After shift change Black shift took in a gas leak in the kitchen of single family home. The first in company found that a knob on the stove had broken off

with the flame "on". Members were able to turn the knob off and informed the owner to contact a repair person for a new knob and insure that there were no other problems.

A commercial fire alarm on September 27th had workers cleaning the premises set off detectors with power washers. Black shift released automatic aid companies.

Power lines down on September 29th had several businesses without power. These high voltage power lines were near the toll way and Rosemont was called in to check the area on the toll way. Com Ed was notified to have immediate response and Schiller Park police worked on cordoning off the area and re-directing traffic.

Black shift then went to a carbon monoxide call where they found a defective stove not burning completely. The incomplete combustion and inefficient burning caused the levels of carbon monoxide to rise to 32ppm. The area was ventilated and owner advised not to use the stove.

After picking up from this alarm, members took in a fire alarm in a hotel. Members hiked up to the fourth floor where the annunciator panel indicated the detector was and found smokers set off the alarm near the elevator lobby.

The next day Black shift took in an activated fire alarm. Pulling up to the house the owner stated that it was due to burnt pizza in the range/oven.

September 30th saw Black shift take in a motor vehicle accident involving a car and motorcycle. Members assessed the victims and transported to the hospital.

Octobers runs began on the 1st with a reported structure fire in a commercial building. As companies were leaving quarters they could see a "header". A working fire response was initiated. Cmdr. Chiodo pulled up

to the structure and workers were screaming it was in the rear. FF/PM Leiser lead out from the overhead door where the smoke was coming from. The fire was in a spray booth assembly and workers used 11 fire extinguishers BEFORE calling the fire department. Members were able to contain the fire and cut the ductwork chasing additional spot fires.

A passerby called in an unresponsive person in a car behind the building before shift change on the 2nd. Members responded to find a person laying back ion the driver seat and the passenger window broken. After members were able to open the door and see the person, Schiller Park Police and Firefighters found that the person was just sleeping one off.

A condo unit was the scene of a fire alarm on October 3rd for the fire department. When they entered they found a pull station activated that was broken. It had been duct taped awaiting repair which was on its way when this happened.

Gold shift took in a six yard dumpster fire behind the condos on October 4th. Residents having a bar-b-que dumped the coals into the dumpster which ignited the trash. 400 gallons of water were used to put out the fire.

FF/PM Leiser the on duty fire investigator October 6th, responded to the garage fire in Elmwood Park. He assisted the Division 20 team examining the origin and cause.

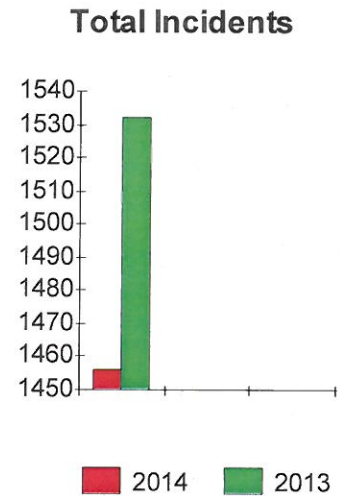
The anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, October 8th, had Gold shift take in a fire alarm in an industrial area. On scene the fire department found that they had burnt a batch of cookies in the industrial oven.

A call for mutual aid by Elmwood Park for investigators had FF/PM Leiser respond for the second time in the last week for a garage fire. He aided their investigators as part of the Division 20 team.

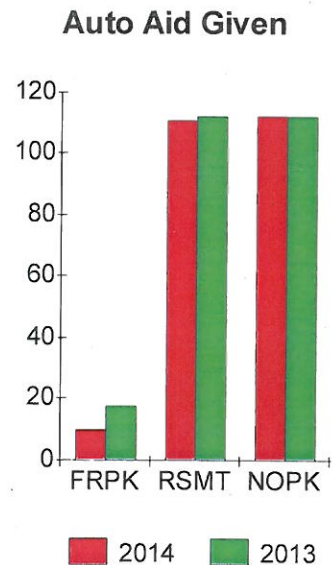
The last call for this period occurred

October 10th had Gold shift respond to a water flow alarm. Arriving they found a semi-truck backing into a dock clipped the sprinkler piping and broke off the one inch pipe. The system was shut door and members helped with salvage by using squeegees to move the water and save product.

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

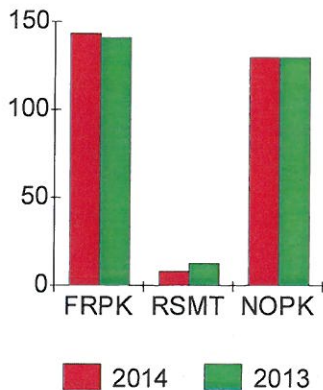


The run summary for Automatic Aid as of September 30th "To" the following communities:



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

Auto Aid Received



	2014	2013
Total Incidents	1456	1532

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	10	14
Norwood Park (NOPK)	112	112
Rosemont (RSMT)	111	112

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	143	141
Norwood Park (NOPK)	129	129
Rosemont (RSMT)	8	13

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Police and Fire Commission have sworn in Probationary FF/Pm Jackson on October 6th. A ceremonial swearing in will be held at the Village Board meeting on the 16th.

Probationary FF/PM Kady and FF/PM Jackson both began the fire academy at NIPSTA October 13th. They will graduate in November or early December.

The Fire and Police Commission continue with establishing a new hire list with the Agility October 26th and Orals during November. 14 candidates have advanced to the agility.

Cmdr. Leiser continues his recuperation after undergoing hip surgery. His recovery is coming along better than expected and he hopes to return within the next month.

Our condolences to the Milnes family and the Northlake Fire Protection District on the sudden death of Lt. Herbert Milnes Jr.. Herb was a cadet with our department in the mid 1970's. Lt. Milnes dad, Lt. Herb Milnes Sr. was a fire department lieutenant in Schiller Park having retired after 24 years on the job. Lt. Milnes Jr. son is following in the family tradition as a third generation firefighter. Many of us knew Herb "Lee" and worked with him in the division, at investigations and at fires.



The Firefighters Association hosted a retirement party for Cmdr. Maher and EMSD Nosek at the Great Escape on October 17th. The Association has decided to host retirement parties once a year for all who retired in the preceding year. The party will be held during the month of October.

Members participated in the O'Hare Disaster Drill on September 13th. As part of the FAA certification program every 3 years a drill is held. This year Chicago requested our Tower Ladder to respond.

The Village participated in the Prescription Pills Take Back on September 27th. A total of approximately 45 pounds of pills was collected. This was done in conjunction with our Police Department and the DEA.

The Village of Hillside is hosting a Veterans Day Parade on November 1st. They are looking for our participation. If interested see Director Deegan.

The Village will be hosting a Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast November 9th. We will be working with the Boy Scouts to salute our Veterans at the Community Center. Please consider helping and thanking those who serve or served our country.

The Toll Way Authority is working on paving the access roads and parking lots at the Oasis. This will limit access both north and southbound. It is expected to be completed by Fall.

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. 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:

Tony Calefati worked on the preventive maintenance on Engine 5. It is back in service.

Lt. Budnik has issued memos to the shifts on overhauling the small engines and tools assigned them. He has also issued the annual ladder testing and maintenance assignments.

All fire hydrants in town have been flushed. Any work orders were forwarded to the water department.

Gracie's Tailor shop in town also has made repairs to our RIT bag and our Life Pak 12. Both are back in service.

Lt. Budnik has worked with IDOT electricians to repair or replace several pre-emption eyes and signals throughout town that were inoperative. All units and intersections in town should now have working units.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Northwest Community Hospital has issued a memo concerning the recent outbreak and scare related to the Ebola virus. As pertinent information about this is available from NWCH or CDC, IDPH or the County we will make it available.

Ambulance 5 (463) has been taken to Trans Chicago for repairs. Lt. Budnik has provided them with a laundry list of problems that need to be addressed. We expect it back with the next couple of weeks.

The Village is offering flu shots to employees as part of the Wellness Program. If interested please sign up or speak with Director Deegan so the appropriate amount of vaccines can be ordered. They will be administered in the firehouse on the 23rd and 24th.

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.

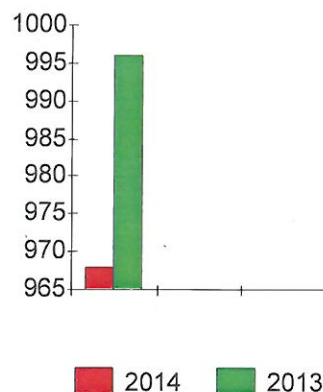
The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education

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 105 emergency calls. A total of 91 patients were encountered. 66 patients were transported to area hospitals. 41 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	2014	2013
Total Responses	968	996
Cardiac	67	61
Medical Emergency	464	493
Accidents/Trauma	249	270
Fire Responses	175	161
False Alarm/Standby	3	11
Mut. Aid to SHPK	28	41
SHPK to others	33	45

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.

The tiles on the wall in the kitchen will soon be grouted. After that the kitchen will be re-painted.

New lighting will be installed in the part time locker room shortly.

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

September Trivia

With Fire Prevention Month upon us commemorating the Great Chicago Fire 1871, our question pertained to that event.

What was the first Engine due at the Great Chicago Fire?

Engine 6 located at 559 W. Maxwell St. was the first due engine to the Great Chicago Fire. They went Out of Service on October 16, 1963.

No correct answers were submitted.

October Trivia

What is a hydrant pump used for?

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 Kady and Jackson begin the NIPSTA fire academy.

It is anticipated that another Vehicle Operations class will be held in the Spring.

Probationary Firefighters Velesco, Dehmlow, Kady, Loch, Jackson and Leao continue their probation.

An Incident Safety Officer class will be held for the division March 9-13, 2015.

A Health Safety Officer class will be held January 19-23, 2015.

A disaster drill is being planned for November 6th in Westchester at St. Joseph school.

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

Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Division 20 Training and Safety Officer monthly meeting.

FF/Pm Loch graduated from the Fire Academy.

Cmdr. Chiodo and Lt. Swiontek attended the Fire Investigators Strike Force meeting.

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 229.5 hours of training for the month with 25 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 4 meetings for 20 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 we acknowledge FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Schneider as our Employees of the Month.

FF/Pm Warden worked on coordinating and planning all the activities for our Fire Department Open House. This included purchasing all the supplies and food for the day. She also coordinated the activities for the day and monitored the kids putting out the "house fires".

Our second nominee is FF/PM Schneider who organized the fire department associations picnic with Franklin Park. Blaine also put together all the plans and set up for Fire Prevention Month. This included with all the schools, some 1500 students and pre-schools. Blaine and

the others who volunteers also escorted students through the smoke trailer and with the 8th grade taught the use of portable fire extinguishers.

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.

The toll way continues to work on their parking lots. Please be aware that access is limited.

A major renovation is underway at 9950 Lawrence. The lower level beneath the parking lot once occupied by TCF bank and Westwood College has been demolished and is returning to its former self a parking garage. (see photos). Our fire prevention bureau is working to make sure that it is sprinklered and exhausted.

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 stortz 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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

FF/PM Schneider and several members participated in Fire Prevention month with the Smoke trailer and fire extinguisher training. More info and pictures next issue.

We will be working with the Village and Scouts to honor our veterans on November 9th at a pancake breakfast or the Community Center.

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

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

EMSD Nosek (ret.) and Cmdr. Maher had their retirement parties October 17th at the Great Escape. Pictures to follow in the next issue.

Cmdr. Maher stopped by for lunch with Gold shift September 26th. While he misses everyone he is enjoying not having to wake up to go to work.

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.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association is hosting the annual retirement party for anyone retiring in the past year on October 17th.

Stork Report

We have four firefighters and their wives expecting babies in the next several months--FF/PM Dehmlow and his wife, FF/PM Schneider and his wife (twins), FF/PM Bubis and FF/PM Jackson are all expecting babies.

Letters and Notes

A letter was received from the Northlake Fire Protection District thanking us for our participation in the wake and funeral of Lt. Herbert Milnes Jr. This included the walk through and ladder truck at the cemetery.

A note from Ms. Cyplick thanked the paramedics for the quick response, efficiency, and expertise when they responded to treat her husband.

The last note comes from Cmdr.

Leiser thanking all the members for the fruit basket and arrangement after his recent hip surgery.

And Finally...

It's not the length of life, but the depth. |

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the Booster Line will be 8:00 A.M. November 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.

Photographs-

Page 7 -Members participate in 9/11 Remembrance at Irving Park Cemetery with Norwood Park and Chicago Firefighters

Page 8- Schiller Park hosts its own memorial for the victims of 9/11. Speakers include— Mayor Piltavor, Director Deegan, Rev. Schultz, Sgt. Desimone and Mr. David Stachura. The bell ringing ceremony conducted by

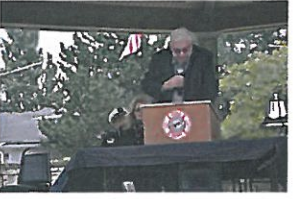
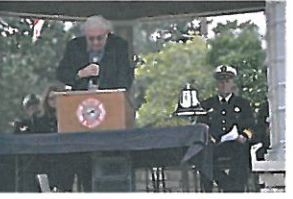
Page 9- Director Deegan and Cmdr. Chiodo participate in the bell Ringing ceremony for victims of 9/11

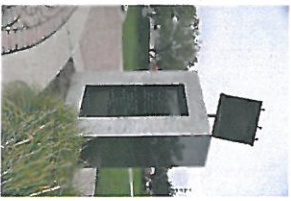
Page 10- The Schiller Park and Franklin Park fire departments have a joint picnic with their families.

Page 11- members practice dropping the skid and leading out. Westchester gets a new heavy rescue Squad 25 and FF/PM Loch graduates from the NIPSTA academy and is congratulated by the Director and his parents.

Page 12 -Division 20 new TRT truck as is leaves the factory for delivery. It has since been lettered, radios installed and currently is in service available for all TRT responses.











E-ONE—Westchester (IL) Fire Department, 21-foot walk-around heavy rescue. Typhoon X cab and chassis; Cummins ISL9 450-hp engine; 200-pound speedy dry hopper; air bag storage; tool air reel; two underbody storage compartments; roll-out tool boards; Onan 25-kW generator. \$475,000. Dealer: Shawn Junker, Fire Service Inc., St. John, IN. (Photo courtesy of Jim Adams.)

