

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 September 20th when Red shift responded to an automatic fire alarm. On scene the fire department found a worker who stated that he had hit the pull station with a garbage can by accident setting it off.

Gold shift took over and on their watch on the 20th responded to a transformer fire. A resident directed the crew to a transformer where they stated it was arcing and they heard a loud explosion. The adjacent fuse appeared blown. Com Ed was notified by our dispatchers.

A car fire on September 22nd had Red shift respond to a parking lot of a hotel. Light smoke was coming from under the hood and there were no exposures. The hood was forced open and the trash line used. The driver claimed that his brakes stopped working so he pulled over and opened the hood where he saw fire.

After picking up the shift responded to a fire alarm. Pulling up they noticed the white strobe going off near the sprinkler connection. This normally indicates that the sprinkler system is activated and water is moving in the system. Inside Engine 5 reported that the fire pump was running. Squad 5 did a walk through of the building and found no reason for the pump to be running. The pump was shut off and reset.

Before returning to quarters dispatch sent the crew to another automatic fire alarm. Here the shift found an activated detector on the second floor with no apparent reason.

Gold shift on the 23rd took in a call for

a gas leak. Members arrived and found the front door open with an odor of natural gas. After entering the residence, the engine company found the stove had one burner in the “ON” position and gas freely flowing without ignition. The stove was shut down and the building ventilated. The resident did not realize that they left the stove on.

Black shift on the 24th of September responded to a hotel for a fire alarm. The alarm panel indicated that it was a pull station on the fourth floor. After ascending to the fourth floor, firefighters found maintenance tell the fire investigative crew that a child had pulled the pull station and there were no problems.

September 26th had Gold shift take in a “brush fire”. On scene Lt. Jeffrey and his crew found landscape mulch smoldering. Using a “silver bullet”, a 2 ½ gallon extinguisher, it was put out.

A running fire pump on September 30th had Black shift take in the fire alarm. After the fire investigative team searched the premises, they found no cause and reset the system.

Gold shift arrived on the scene of a four car crash on October 2nd on I-294. 11 refusals were obtained.

A running fire pump on October 5th had Red shift respond to the commercial building. Arriving first in crews found the white strobe going off, the fire pump activated but no water flow. The pump needed to be shut off so that the system could be restored.

The next call was for a fire alarm in a high rise hotel. This time Lt. Leiser took his engine crew and marched up the four flights of stairs to find a pull station activation and no apparent problems or anyone owning up to it.

Black shift was notified by dispatch on of a motor vehicle accident with entrapment. Per policy dispatch requested a Pin In response sending an additional truck company to the scene. Three vehicles were involved and Chief leiser requested

another ambulance from Rosemont. Squad 5 began extrication while FRPK truck 2 stabilized the vehicle.

October 7th saw members toned out to a possible drowning in a pool at a hotel. Older members squirmed as they remember in their careers at least two previous separate drownings here. After arriving members found the patient had been removed from the water by a friend. After checking on the person they refused additional care or transport.

A fire pump running on October 8th had Red shift respond and find pump running but no water flow. Maintenance was told to check on the pump as we had been there multiple times.

Lt. Leiser the on duty fire investigator October 8th took in a Box Alarm for investigators in River Grove. He worked with the other division investigators determining the origin and cause.

A working fire on the 12th in Leyden on October 9th had both Battalion 5 and Tower ladder 5 respond. While the fire was under way the Incident Commander also requested investigators to the scene. Lt. Leiser again the on duty investigator responded to assist.

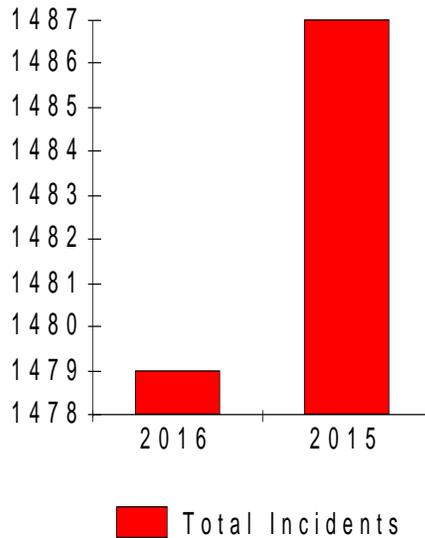
October 13th saw units dispatched for the smell of natural gas. Arriving on scene members actually found a fuel tanker truck filling underground tanks at a gas station. No one on scene complained of any smells or odors and the call came in from a driver who was passing by.

Red shift October 16th took in a call for a person stuck in the elevator. On scene members did find a person stuck in the elevator. After doing the lock out/ tag out of the power, members were able to use their elevator drop keys to open the doors and remove the person.

The last call of the period was on October 17th when a motorcycle collided with a SUV. Gold shift established a safe working area and stabilized the vehicles.

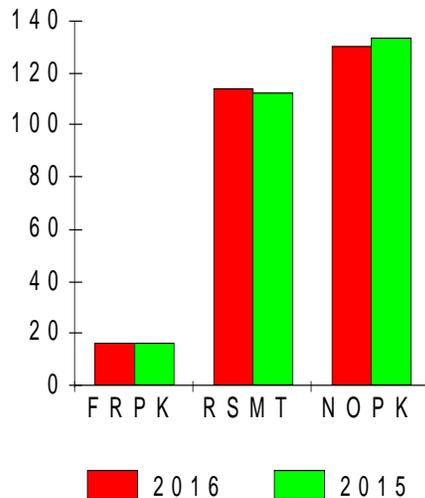
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2015:

Total Incidents



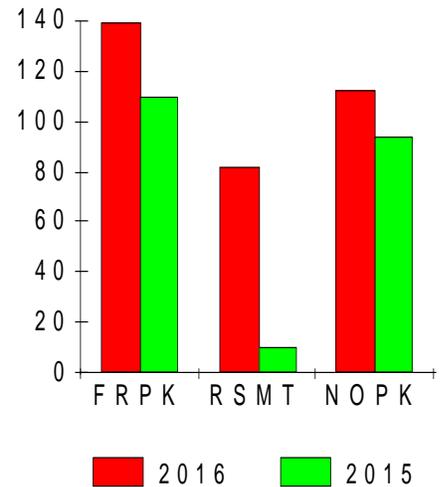
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of September 30th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	1479	1487

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	16	16
Norwood Park (NOPK)	130	133
Rosemont (RSMT)	114	112

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	139	109
Norwood Park (NOPK)	112	94
Rosemont (RSMT)	81	10

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission has exhausted its current eligibility list. A new test was given with only one candidate passing. They have set dates for the next exam. We have at least two immediate openings.

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury.

Several members of our department participated in the Agora training drill in Rosemont on October 2nd. This overnight drill was sponsored by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and involved a multiple victim incident and a separate incident of an active shooter. We have submitted the paperwork to be reimbursed for all our participates salaries.

A committee has been formed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our full time department. We are looking to have this celebration in May 2017.

We are working diligently on the 9-1-1 Consolidation. Harwood Heights, Norridge and Schiller Park have signed a MOU and are working on the IGA. It will officially be called the Municipal Dispatch Center. We are in the process of selecting a Director and testing for dispatch positions. This will be done and completed by July 2017. As part of this process we will be dissolving our 9-1-1 board and creating a Joint 9-1-1 board. Until the new Joint 9-1-1 board is created we still continue to collect 9-1-1 monies. Our last check from the State was in excess of \$17,000.

Our committee who is working on the design of the new Ladder truck will meet with the vendor and their engineering staff for the final work up of the plans. Lt. Budnik and Chief Chiodo were at their local facility this past month to see the operation where it will go for final prep and delivery to us.

It is my sad duty to report the death of former Paid on call member Bill Gorr. Bill was a member from 1965-1974 and helped with both the fire department and running our ambulance before paramedic services. Members honored Bill and his family by attending the wake and a salute during the funeral procession (see photo).

Our congratulations to our new Schiller Park Police Officer who was sworn in at the October 6th Victor Escontrias.

We also welcome new Battalion Chief Chris Sandilands (BENV) who was promoted from Lieutenant and Lt. Eugene Martin (BENV) promoted from firefighter.

The Village continues to work on the comprehensive plan. A website for ideas can be accessed at www.schillerparkcivicpage.com. Several community meetings are planned for input.

I have also appointed Lt. Leiser to be the quartermaster person. Lt. Budnik will manage the tracking and FF/PM Neimand will coordinate the VCG website.

The long awaited sidewalk in front of Station 6 is nearly complete. The contractor had to pour the required depth of concrete to support our rigs over there. This will now have a sidewalk to cross over the creek inside of walking in the street around that dangerous curve.

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.

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:

Lt. Budnik is working with Dave from the Recreation Department on

coordinating the use of Village supplies including paper towels, soap etc. We have installed new dispensers in the bathrooms and will continue to standardize throughout the Village supplies so that we are not using several different vendors for the same supplies.

Lt. Budnik had radio 451 sent out for repair. It has since returned and placed back in service. Portable 65 went out for a major repair. Lt. Budnik is looking at replacing older radios that we have budgeted for.

Truck 5 also returned from the shops after needed repairs. Chief Chiodo is limiting the use to calls and incidents only. Please use 458 for inspections and other non-incident activities.

Squad 5 had to be towed to the shops as the head gasket was blown on it. While it is being repaired Lt. Budnik and Tony Calefati are having additional preventive maintenance done while the motor is torn apart.

The Maintenance Division completed pump testing on all of our apparatus this past month. They took it to Rosemont to use their drafting pit.

The brickwork and lintels have been replaced on the east side of the fire house. This has allowed us to install all of the windows with in house firefighter labor.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

A drug take back from the DEA will take place on October 22nd. This is for prescription pills and no liquids or sharps. Walgreens company is in the process of establishing regional prescription pill drop off locations. You can go to their website for locations.

Lt. Swiontek will be addressing the new IMPACT program concerning billing and medicare. All personnel will need to be registered.

Members also taught the second Hands Only Family and Friends CPR this past month. Several residents took advantage of this opportunity. CPR is offered every other month and sign up can be done at the Recreation center.

Lt. Swiontek coordinated the testing and servicing of all the village owned AED's this past month.

Tony C. was able to repair the air leak on ambulance 5.

In order to track and account for spare equipment. the EMS locker which was formerly in the loft has been moved to the Administrative/EMS office.

Lt. Swiontek is also working on a new policy for drug exchanges. Please also watch when we need to order oxygen.

The Village had Mariano's issue the 2016 Flu shots for October 19th from 7-9 AM and October 20th from 3-5 PM.

We also were informed from the Secretary of State that all of our part time paramedics must possess a minimum of a Class C license to operate the ambulance. We are in the process of providing the additional training and driving hours to those not currently meeting the requirements.

When at the 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.

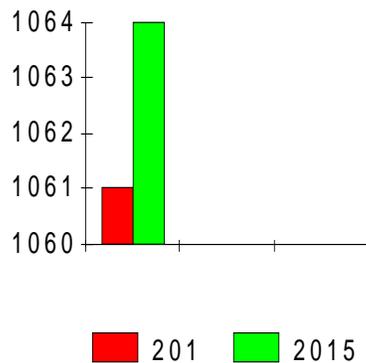
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 101 emergency calls. A total of 96 patients were encountered. 69 patients were transported to area

hospitals.

	Current Month	Year to Date
Total Responses	101	1060
ALS Transports	42	473
BLS Transports	27	205
Refusals/MPR's	13	199
Other Non Transports	5	39
Fire Responses	14	140
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	40
SHPK to others	5	68

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.

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 completed the window installation and is working on the trim work. It should be completed by the time you read this.

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? –

- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- 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

What warning light was designated by state law to be the exclusively used by fire apparatus in communities of over 100,000 in population?

The Mars model DX40 "football" light had a domed shaped lens on each end and was designated by state law to be for the exclusive use of police and fire departments whose populations exceeded 100,000.

No Correct answers were received.

October Trivia

What light was designated by State Law to only be used on fire apparatus?

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.

With the ability to use the old Hostess building for training, multiple training evolutions have been completed there. The building is now being razed.

We will soon be taking a class called traffic incident management. The State will be providing this training. It is voluntary now but will soon be mandatory and be necessary for responses to the toll way. It will fall under the Uniform Manual for Traffic Control which is a Federal mandate.

We anticipate the swearing in of a new candidate to the department. This will ease the burden on the other members covering two open slots. We will have him work shift as a paramedic until the next fire academy in January. We will lift the outside training that was temporarily suspended.

Lt. Budnik and Lt. Leiser both completed Rope Operations at NIPSTA.

FF/PM Santiago attended the swift water tech class in Yorkville.

FF/PM Schneider completed his Company Officer Academy class at Romeoville.

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

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 377 hours of

training for the month with 24 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Please fill the Outside Training Form on Target Solutions 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 several persons as our Employees of the Month.

First we acknowledge FF/PM Warden who organized and executed the 15th Anniversary remembrance of 9/11. She coordinated all the events and program including having our guest speaker.

Our second set of employees all worked the Village Annual Car show and coordinated those activities by purchasing the pop and water and setting up the tent and all the other associated activities.

The third set include the members of the Truck committee who have met over the last few months to discuss, debate and compromise. They met with the engineers in Florida during Hurricane Matthew and were stranded shortly there as the airports closed and all flights were cancelled. This was the first of three meetings in Florida. The next will be a progress report and the last a final inspection.

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 Chief Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts continue with their 2016 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 294 inspections.

B/C Hatcher is also re-aligning the Bureau with team shift inspectors. He will meet with the shifts to explain the new approach.

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 B/C 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 B/C Hatcher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to storz fittings. We have gotten voluntary compliance on most building and soon will be doing an audit on any remaining FDC.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. B/C Cesaretti and Chief Chiodo will have this replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. B/C Cesaretti will advise those needing the class when it is available.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

We will also be looking into a celebration in 2017 of the 50th Anniversary of our fire department being full time.

A new prescription pill take back will occur October 22nd from 10-2 PM. Walgreens corporation has indicated that they will begin a year round take back program. We will try to work with our local Walgreen to see if the Schiller Park branch will be one of the sites chosen.

Members have planned and are working in the schools during fire prevention month. FF/PM Warden and Schneider have planned all the visits and educational programs.

Members also planned the Fire Department Open House for the 22nd and will have on hand vendors and demonstrations. Hot dogs and chips are on the menu. More next month.

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. Kwiat's son contacted Chief Chiodo and said dad is doing well and that if you are interested in visiting Chet, please call and make arrangements.

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 hosted its annual Thank You to all Village employees on September 23rd. This years theme was Festa Italiano. It was held on the apparatus floor with pasta, sausage, bread and salad.

The Association is hosting the retirement party for PM Jenkins on the 20th at the Comfort Suites. A donation of \$25 will be collected at the door.

FF/PM Velasco has indicated that the house fund is running low. If you are a full timer please see him, \$60 and if you are a part timer \$30.

Stork Report

The stork whispered into the Velasco's ears that he will be making a delivery to them of a baby in early 2017. Congratulations to Rob and Kelly!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A note was received from the Gorr family thanking us for our attendance at Bill's wake and the tribute the members showed to Bill who was a POC from 1965-1974 and the original Director of EMS prior to an EMS department. (see photo)

Travis Hall a 4th grader took the time to thank all first responders in light of 9/11 by treating us to a dinner at the Leyden Fire Protection District firehouse (see photo)

A note was also received from the Predki family along with pizza for the shift for the gallant efforts that the

department made in trying to save their mother and grandmother.

Emergency Management

B/C Leiser continues to work with the Village Administrators in trying to get them to complete their NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities.

Chief Leiser continues to work on revising the Village disaster plan. It is 287 pages and is being reviewed by the Village Board prior to being submitted to Cook County Homeland security.

We are also working on the County EOC website with training scheduled for November.

We are working on a grant for 3 AED's to be placed on our vehicles. While we had budgeted for these we hope to get them paid for through the grant process.

We are applying for a grant from Firehouse Subs for a zodiac boat, motor and trailer. We hope to replace the one stored at the water tower which is cumbersome and not practical.

We continue to move forward with the 9-1-1 consolidation. The steering committee is working with all three communities and our consultant.

We are working on a beta version of a tweeter account that we hope to see up and running soon.

Special Operations

Lt. Leiser continues to coordinate our special operations division. This includes Technical rescue, Fire Investigations and Hazardous Materials.

And Finally...

Success doesn't come to you—you go to it.

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Deadlines

The Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us .

Page 7- Members partake in a thank you meal for first responders on 9/11 at the Leyden Firehouse. POC Bill Gorr funeral procession

Page 8- Honors are extended to POC 1965-1974 Bill Gorr as the funeral procession passes the firehouse.