

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 February 14th when members of Gold shift responded to wires down. On scene Lt. Jeffrey and the crew found no wires on the ground but the wires on the pole arcing significantly. Com Ed was notified and called to the scene.

February 18th and Gold shift again responded to a call for service. This time it was for a two car crash. The call on the toll way required the assisted of Franklin Park Ambulance 2. Both Schiller Park and Franklin Parks’s ambulances transported to Level 1 trauma centers.

A more unusual call on February 20th had Gold shift arrive on the scene for a woman who could not get out of her lift chair. Members helped her out of the lift and into her cart.

Battalion Chief Hatcher and Gold responded to an automatic fire alarm on February 23rd. When they arrived they found a worker was trying to repair a tamper cover over the pull station when they inadvertently tripped the box causing a false alarm they were trying to prevent.

An automatic fire alarm on February 26th had Gold shift arrive at the apartment complex where they found a light haze of smoke in the stairwell. There also was an odor of smoke throughout. The fire investigative team found that the smell and smoke emulated from one of the units where they discovered burnt food. The apartment was ventilated along with the stairs and hallway.

Red shift on the 28th took in a call on the toll way where they found an accident and a car head on into the guard rail. Members were able to

secure the car and extricate the woman.

Next Lt. Budnik and the crew responded to a wellbeing check of a resident called in by the police. Police on scene requested that forced entry be made into the unit but no person was found. The premise was secured by our police department.

March 2nd Black shift and Lt. Swiontek were dispatched for an odor investigation. When they entered the kitchen the homeowner told the crew that while using the microwave she heard a “pop”. After that she smelled something “funny”. The area was checked out and determined that the microwave was possibly malfunctioning.

Red shift on the next day’s tour of duty took in a fire alarm that turned out to be burnt food in the break room of the business. The smoke was removed with a fire department fan.

A call from District 15 State Police had our department respond to a person slumped over the wheel. En-route we were notified that the person on the toll way was on the shoulder and sleeping behind the wheel and did not need an ambulance.

March 6th and Black shift responded to a possible structure fire in the garage and basement. Schiller Park companies arrived and were met by a woman frantically waving and stating that there was a fire in the garage and a lot of smoke. The engine backed down to the rear and the fire investigative team went into the building to search for the seat of the fire. The fire investigative team found that there was no fire but a car was running bad and generated a lot of smoke. The entire garage was search with a thermal imaging camera and no other issues noted or found.

With high winds settling in on March 8th Black shift responded to wires down. On scene the fire companies found that the electrical feed from the pole to the house was pulled down by a neighbor’s tree which had been blown down. There was some charring on the house siding and

vegetation burning. The area was cooled down with water and the power shut down. The house was checked and secured until the arrival of Com Ed.

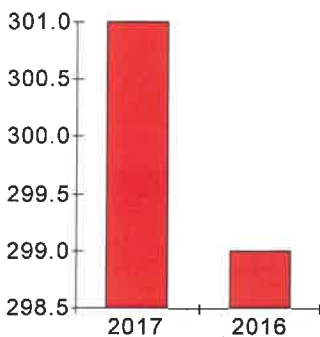
After being released by Com Ed they next took in more downed power lines in another area of town where they awaited Com Ed to pick up from previous call.

March 10th found Gold shift called to the scene of a car with the keys locked inside and a car in the car. FF/PM Bertoncini and his crew were able to open the car with no damage.

The last call of the reporting period was on March 11th when an alarm had our fire companies respond to find that workers were inside doing demolition and had set off the fire alarm.

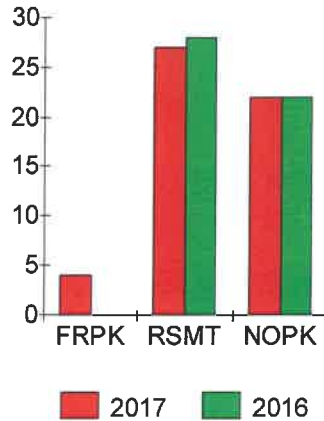
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2016:

Total Incidents



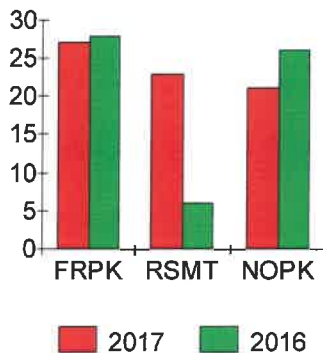
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of February January 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	301	299

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	4	0
Norwood Park (NOPK)	22	22
Rosemont (RSMT)	27	28

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	27	28
Norwood Park (NOPK)	21	26
Rosemont (RSMT)	23	6

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission set the date for the written exam for the Fire Department Lieutenant exam, March 4th. Eight members took the exam. Each candidate will have their Oral exams on March 21st. The current list expired March 11th.

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

Our congratulations to FF/PM O'Leary on his recent graduation from the NIPSTA fire academy.

Our thanks to the Village who treated all Employees to an Appreciation Lunch March 3rd. We feasted on an abundance of Chinese food provided by the China Chef in town.

E-One, the builder of our new ladder truck, is busy working on putting her together. They have updates on their website and its progress. Expected delivery is mid-June. We will train with it before placing in service. A number of other communities around the country have expressed an interest in our tower ladder and Lt. Budnik is working out any offers. (See photos).

As we approach of 50th Anniversary as a full time department, we have ordered commemorative badges. Those who ordered should have them by May 1, 2017.

We have also re-designed our department t-shirts to have a new logo incorporating all our front running apparatus. These shirts will

be available shortly.

The Municipal Consolidated Dispatch Center is coming along. The target date for transferring into it is June 22nd, 2017. Currently an Executive Director is being advertised for. The new center will consist of a minimum of 15 personnel. As a side note the second full week of April of each year has been designated National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week.

We have applied for a SAFER grant from the federal government to increase our staffing by three. We will find out within the next year if we are awarded the grant.

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 had "No Smoke" come out and do their annual check on our apparatus units. All checked out to be in working order.

Lt. Budnik is working with Sensit Gold to have our monitor repaired. He is also looking at budgeting for a replacement.

Chief Chiodo is limiting the use to calls and incidents only for Tower Ladder 5. We are trying to reduce any additional wear and tear as it is up for sale. Please use 458 for inspections and other non-incident activities.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

An update on PM Jim Davis. He is still home recovering from surgery. He will have his final surgery soon. He is anxious to get back to work at both his primary job and here. He hopes to be back by the May 1st.

A change in policy has been implemented by Medicare. The change affects signature requirements for reimbursements. Please contact Lt. Swiontek for further information. A copy of the notice is posted in the kitchen.

Ambulance 5 (463) had its drug compartment door and latch repaired this past month.

We also wish well PM Boyer who had his appendix removed during an emergency procedure. He will be off work for several weeks.

All members had the opportunity to take the PALS/ACLS training in Franklin Park. This is a requirement for Loyola. Should you still need these classes see Lt. Swiontek.

On the horizon is the Rescue Task Force concept for large scale incidents. All members will be trained and Chief Chiodo is looking into the appropriate safety equipment. We will work not only with the division but also our police department.

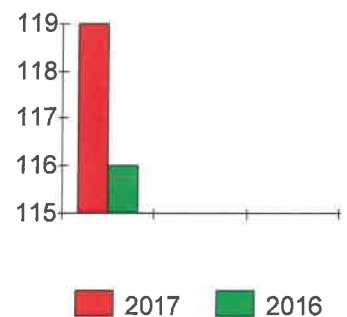
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 100 emergency calls. A total of 98 patients were encountered. 67 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	100	219
ALS Transports	43	97
BLS Transports	24	53
Refusals/MPR's	24	42
Other Non-Transports	1	5
Fire Responses	8	22
CPR Students taught	3	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	2	10
SHPK to others	2	10

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 Bubis has ordered the smart board for the classroom. This will replace the old dry erase and will be able to be connected to the computer for training.

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

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

February Trivia

What is unique about redwood trees and burning?

Redwood trees actually burn from the inside out. Their bark is fire resistant.

Only one correct answer was received by Chief Richard Belmonte (ret.) Westchester.

March Trivia

What two significant fires in the '70s/early '80s underscored the connection between toxicity on the fire ground and firefighter cancer?

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 O'Leary graduated the NIPSTA Fire Academy. He returns to Gold shift.

Lt. Budnik and B/C Cesaretti are hosting a Vehicle Machinery Operations (VMO) class June 5-9th. They will be looking for our own instructors. Please see them if interested in teaching and you hold a VMO and Instructor I certificate.

All members completed PALS certification in Franklin Park.

FF/PM Bubis completed the webinar "Social Media in the Fire Service".

Chief Chiodo attended the seminar Illinois Legislative Updated in the Fire Service". He also attended the "Community Risk Reduction" seminar.

FF/Pm Jackson attended the Divisions Honor Guard training.

FF/PM Santiago and FF/PM Velasco attended Technical Rescue training in the division.

Lt. Swiontek attended the Division Hazardous Materials drill.

This past month members completed the State Fire Marshal classes-

FF/PM Dehmlow completed Rope Operations as part of the Technical Rescue program through the State Fire Marshal.

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 646 hours of training for the month with 30 training drills. This includes outside classes.

The State Fire Marshal and Triton have changed the test dates for 2017. The first half of the year they will be held at Triton on Thursdays, the second half of 2017 they will be held on Wednesdays. Please consult with

the Training Officer to sign up at this center or another testing site.

B/C Cesaretti is also authorized by the State to administer exams. As a proctor he must give the State notice and obtain the secure exams. Therefore you cannot approach him and expect to be given an exam on a short notice.

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.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employee of the Month Detective Billy Martin of the Schiller Park Police Department.

Det. Martin was instrumental in evaluating the different computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems as we transition to our new Municipal Consolidated Dispatch center.

Det. Martin visited other centers that were using different CAD systems than us. After comparing our current CIS system with ID networks, looking at the demos, talking with the computer engineers and seeing it in action, Det. Martin advised our voting members on MCD that ID networks was a far superior CAD and RMS systems to our current vendor.

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 are working on their 2017 inspections. Each shift received 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

Kennedy school will have the older section of the school renovated starting soon and to be completed by the beginning of the new school year.

A letter has gone out to all the businesses with sprinkler systems. After asking for voluntary compliance we are now mandating that all sprinkler connections be outfitted with a stortz connection. Because of our hose lays it is easier to support the system with more water and less friction loss. B/C Leiser is heading this up and it should be completed by June 1st.

We are looking to bolster and strengthen our fire inspectional program. We are looking for our members to take the Inspector I certification program. All new firefighters will be required to take this class.

B/C Hatcher is working with Community Development on keeping communications open and resolve problems. There are several major inspections that are jointly being worked on. The majority of businesses are in compliance.

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.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

Kennedy school and School district 81 asked us to participate in the Dr. Seuss Night on March 1st. Several members of our department signed up to read to parents and children different Seuss books.

The Knights of Columbus have asked us to participate in the second Blue Mass at St. Beatrice on September 10th. It is a way to honor all police officers and firefighters who serve. They will send out invites to all area police and fire departments. Last year we had several other departments send representatives to the Mass and blessing.

We will be working with the Recreation Department in helping them deliver the Easter Bunny for the annual Egg Hunt April 15th.

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

We are also planning a celebration May 6th of the 50th Anniversary of our fire department being full time.

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

This past month we were fortunate enough to have Jimmy Ziebka not only visit but drop off fish that he caught and had smoked. It made for a great dinner for our shifts. Anytime you want to drop off more and eat with us sharing table fellowship you are welcome.

Chief Chiodo also had the pleasure to speak with POC Lt. DiMaggio (ret.) this past month. Sam indicated that he had a serious health set back in January and is slowly getting back to his full health. He misses being "one of the boys".

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 will be sponsoring Autism this coming summer. We will be selling t-shirts to the public and also allow the firefighters to wear them on shift to show support.

For more information see the flier in the kitchen or contact one of the Association officers.

Stork Report

The stork stopped by this reporting period to let us know of three births.

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

A letter was received from Stericycle thanking the fire department for the quick response to a fire in their building. They appreciated the professionalism and also inquired as to wanting to have fire extinguisher training for their employees.

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 awaits feedback from the Village Board 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 were awarded a grant from IDPH for 1 AED to be placed on our vehicles. We had budgeted for 3 AED's and will purchase a second

immediately. One will go on the Truck and the second in Battalion 5. Eventually the third will be placed in the Chiefs car.

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...

The mystery of life isn't a problem to solve, but a reality to experience.

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 6 Schiller Park Police vehicles get makeover. Our new color scheme.

Page 7 – Our new ladder truck is in production. The Cab is being put together (top left) the chassis is already built with ladder supports and turntable box. The aluminum ladder components are assembled for welding.

Page 8- E-one shows the cab of truck 5 being completed and welded. Updated pictures are on their website eoneinprogress.com job number 140906.

Pin in accident on toll way car into wall with entrapment.



