

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 July 14th when Gold shift responded to a power outage. As they approached the area they found a primary feeder line from pole to pole down. Com Ed was notified and the area secured.

The next day Black shift took in a dumpster fire behind a building. Lt. Swiontek’s engine company used 300 gallons of water to put it out with no extension to any exposures.

An automatic fire alarm on the 16th found Red shift investigate the apartment building and locate a resident who burnt food in one of the units. The hall was ventilated using a fan and the alarm reset.

Dispatch then toned out our crew to Stone Park for a structure fire. Upon arrival Engine 5 was made the Rapid intervention Team (RIT) by Command. After the fire was under control, our engine assisted with overhaul.

July 17th had a person walk into the front office and request assistance with the removal of a ring on their finger. The finger was swollen and the person was worried. Paramedics were able to gently cut the ring off the finger and relieve the swelling and pain.

Engine 5 then took in the call for an odor investigation. Occupants indicated that they smelled a strong odor of natural gas. An investigation found that there was a leak in the gas line for units on the roof where it penetrated the roof. The gas was shut off until repair technicians could arrive and fix the problem.

Black shift on the 18th took in a call for people stuck in the elevator. On

scene three persons were confirmed stuck in the elevator—a mother and her daughters. After the lock out and tag out procedure was completed, members ascended to the third floor and were able to open the doors and remove the occupants.

Lt. Budnik and Red shift responded on July 19th to a “T-Bone” accident where a car was hit by a dump truck. Members assessed the situation and using the skills obtained through their vehicle operations class secured the vehicles, the scene and took care of EMS.

After a micro-burst of weather and rain on July 21st, the viaduct on Irving temporarily flooded. However, one adventurous driver decided that he must have had an amphicar and drove into the water. For you car enthusiasts, the amphicar stopped production in 1968 and this driver mad it to the bottom of the viaduct before his car died and water was up to the window. Police and Fire personnel made the rescue and Windy City towed the vehicle. (see photos of an amphicar).

B/C Leiser and Black shift took in an accident with injuries on July 21st. After arriving on the scene it was determined that a second ambulance would be needed and B/C Leiser requested Ambulance 6 to the scene. After triage, both Ambulance 5 and Ambulance 6 transported to Resurrection hospital.

July 24th had Black shift respond to a reported building fire north of Irving and west of the toll way. Radio traffic soon revealed that the structure fire was in the Pearl Street area and Rosemont was responding. The fire actually was on Foster in Chicago which separates Schiller Park and Rosemont with a 50 foot swatch of land. Heavy fire was reported and our truck company aided in forcing entry to the rear overhead door. We then assisted in extinguishment and overhaul. Chicago arrived and went to work with their counterparts. Once the fire was knocked down our truck set up scene lighting for overhaul. The investigation revealed that the

fire started in three spots and fire investigators were brought in to examine the scene. A few days later a worker was charged with arson.

Red shift responded to a fire alarm on July 25th where B/C Cesaretti and company found that the fast food chain had burnt bread in preparing sub sandwiches. The alarm was reset and the bread thrown out.

Next up Red shift went to a toll way call for a pick up truck that rear ended a semi trailer. Luckily for the pick up he did not go under the semi. The DOT instituted that trailer built after 2000 must have a full rear collision bar across the entire trailer. Trailer built prior to this are ¾. The driver was transported.

Gold shift under the direction of B/C Hatcher took in a call on the toll way on the 29th for a five vehicle accident. On scene members triaged and found 8 patients who were assessed. Out of all the persons involved only one decided to be transported.

A water flow alarm on July 30th had Black shift take it in. Pulling up nothing was showing and the fire investigative team entered. As they investigated they found the dry sprinkler system activated with no water flowing. The alarm was silenced and the maintenance team alerted to repair the problem with the sprinkler company.

B/C Leiser and Lt. Swiontek responded to Hillside on August 2nd as Hazardous Materials advisors on the Box Alarm. After arriving on scene B/C Leiser was given the task of Safety Officer and Lt. Swiontek was given the assignment of Entry Sector.

The next call this shift day was for a person locked out of their apartment with a child inside. As Engine 5 arrived they were met by the mother who stated that the 5 year old daughter locked her out. Police verified that the woman lived there and a waiver was signed by the resident. Using our manipulative tools we were able to gain access with minor damage.

August 5th had Black shift dispatched to a person stuck in the elevator. Arriving they checked the elevator and found no one inside after opening the doors.

A fire alarm in a condo residence on August 7th had Gold shift respond and find a detector activation due to burnt food in a lower unit. A fan was set up to clear the hallway and reset the alarm panel.

August 8th had Gold shift take in an indoor gas leak. On scene the resident said that she had a strange smell coming from the stove. The area was monitored with no cause found. The occupant was informed that if the smell returns to call the department.

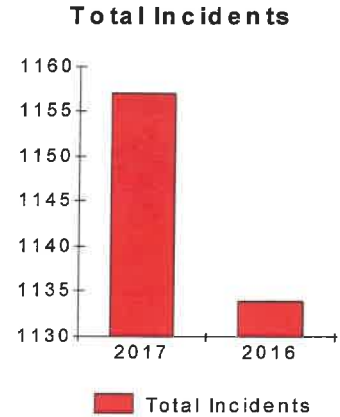
A restaurant/nightclub fire alarm went off on August 11th sending Black shift to the building. Members were met by the club owner who stated that a smoke machine set off the detector and alarm.

A bit later in the shift Black shift took in a call for a report of a fire that was now out but that propane was leaking. On scene members found a patio heater that was burned and residents hosing it down with a garden hose. It appeared the fire was contained to the heater. The tank had a small leak that could not be shut off. The tank was removed to a safe area to finish emptying remaining product.

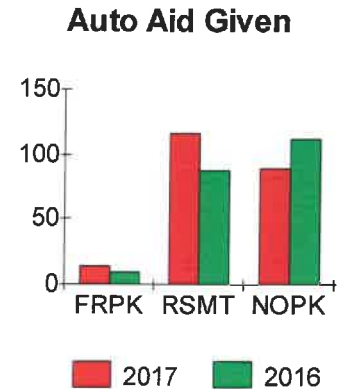
The final call of our reporting period came on August 15th when Red shift had a call for a child locked in a bathroom. Upon arrival firefighter/paramedics were met by a grandparent and a child. The child had opened a drawer in the vanity preventing the bathroom door from opening.



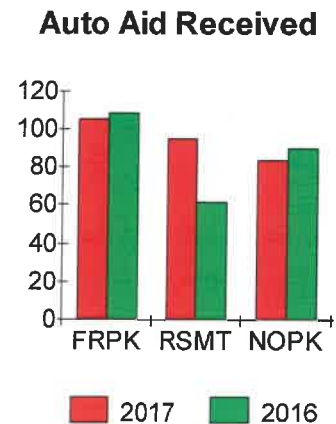
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2016:



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



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



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	1157	1134

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	14	9
Norwood Park (NOPK)	89	111
Rosemont (RSMT)	105	108

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	105	108
Norwood Park (NOPK)	83	90
Rosemont (RSMT)	95	62

East Leyden High School is also under taking a \$55 million dollar renovation project. We will be working more closely this year with Leyden by utilizing students doing community service and by participating in their events. Work commences this Fall.

We have posted the new jurisdiction agreement with Chicago on responses along Mannheim from Balmoral to Irving. This will actually increase our responses. Refer to the notice and map from our Police Department in the kitchen.

We have also instituted new policies for "On the Quiet" responses to Norwood Park and a new fire investigative policy that Lt. Leiser will soon train on.

The Fire Buffs of Illinois will be having their monthly meeting in Schiller Park on September 17th. It is a group that takes fire photographs of apparatus and is involved in preserving the fire service history and traditions. They will assemble at our firehouse at noon for pictures and then have their meeting at the Community Center at 2 PM.

We are working with the Public Safety Committee on Grants that we were awarded through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant program. One grant was for a diesel exhaust system that FF/PM Leao is actively pursuing and working on. The second a SAFER grant is being discussed.

We anticipate that our new Truck 5 will be in service officially on September 1st. This will give enough time for drivers training and vehicle familiarization. All tools will be transferred over. Our tower ladder is still for sale and we are looking at several avenues.

We are honored to have FF/PM Jackson represent us at the 36th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. He will

be a part of the Division 20 Honor Guard and will be paid for by the Division. The event will take place October 4-8th.

We are in the process of reviewing and updating all our Rules and Regulations. The last update was 1995 so it is due. A draft will be available shortly.

Our MCD dispatch center is anticipated to be up and running on September 6th. All dispatchers are undergoing training. Our Executive Directive Ron Gross has produced a power point presentation for the fire dispatching portion. We will soon have a training session on the new CAD portion as we transition from CIS to ID Networks.

We have been invited by Travis to the Leyden Firehouse for a 9/11 late lunch honoring first responders. There will also be a plane pull at O'Hare September 16th at 8:00 AM with info in the kitchen.

The Village is having the health reimbursement submissions due on September 29th. Give EOB's to Anna.

A full scale mass casualty exercise is being planned by Bensenville consisting of a plane crash. It will be held October 21st.

I am also looking into having ISO come out and review our department hopefully sometime in October. ISO has a new grading schedule which could be favorable to us in lowering us from a Class 4. New areas of grading include Fire Prevention, Fire Investigations and Public Education. With a new ladder truck, village wide water plan and dispatch center, that may all work in our favor.

For our 50th Anniversary as a full time department we had commemorative badges made, if any full time or retired member is interested in

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Leao has returned to work after his shoulder injury and FF/PM Schneider returned after an appendectomy. FF/PM Piculas has applied for a non-duty disability pension due to a knee problem.

The Fire and Police Commission has sworn in FF/PM Brandon Rusciollelli as our newest firefighter paramedic. Brandon will be assigned to red shift until he attends the fire academy in October.

We also welcome a new police officer who was sworn in by the Commission Police Officer Drew Gresik.

We also have found out that Deputy Chief Dan Johnson (NOPK) is retiring after 26 years. Norwood Park is having a Walk Out Ceremony on August 31st. Cake and coffee will be served from 1-3. Congratulation Dan, you will be missed.

Also our sympathies to Cmdr. Stan Grygiel in NOPK on the passing of his mom this past month.

purchasing please contact FF/PM Loch. Cost is \$145.00 each.

The Firefighter Association is sponsoring Autism with department shirts. These can be worn from April 1st until September 1st.

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:

The Village authorized having the air raid siren on the firehouse roof being remotely controlled by the new dispatch center. Braniff Communications installed this feature.

The replacement wall fan on the apparatus floor has also been replaced. It is hooked up to detector to start when carbon monoxide levels rise.

Our mechanic Tony Calafati also worked on multiple items during his preventive maintenance and emergency maintenance. These included repairing an anti-freeze leak in Engine 5 and the prime pump on Squad 5. Tony also replaced the intersection switch on battalion 5.

Internally members worked on a number of things. All new SCBA's were placed in service.

SCBA number 9 and 17 were repaired. These older models will be traded in along with the harnesses as part of the deal to get the new G-1 air packs.

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 has been released back to work at his primary job as a Chicago Fire Lieutenant. He has been assigned to the Chicago Fire Academy as an instructor working a 40 hour shift. He is awaiting a shift assignment on a company whereby he will be able to come back here.

We also have two paramedic students from Loyola University Medical system riding with us for next few months. We will precept them and help teach them. They will be assigned to Black and Gold shifts.

We have also added two more part time paramedics to bolster our ranks. Please welcome PM Schultz and PM Pfest.

We also have finally received the 2 AED's after being on back order for 5 months. One is being place in the Battalion buggy and the other will go on the new truck. PED's pads were also added to battalion 5's AED. We received a grant from IDPH for payment of one AED the other will be paid by Schiller Park.

Lt. Swiontek would like to remind everyone who does EMS reports that ALL incident numbers are seven digits.

Loyola is jointly working with a vendor on having a mobile stroke intervention unit available. We will stay in contact with them to see if this tool is an option for our residents and workers based on where it may be housed.

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.

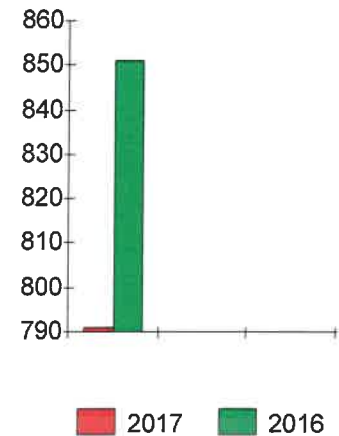
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals,

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 123 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 77 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	120	791
ALS Transports	49	349
BLS Transports	25	182
Refusals/MPR's	25	135
Other Non-Transports	1	22
Fire Responses	20	101
CPR Students taught	5	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	2	37
SHPK to others	3	37

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).

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

July Trivia

The Chicago Fire Department just named its new fast attack fire boat. Who was it named after and what is the significance?

It was named the Eugene Blackmond Jr. after Chicago Firefighter Eugene Blackmond Jr. who was assigned to Squad 5 and died while conducting a dive rescue in the Calumet River on May 19, 1998.

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

August Trivia

During the Edo period (1603-1867) what unusual technique did Japanese firefighters fight fires?

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.

We will be sending members to the Vehicle Machinery Technician class in September. We are allowing the class to use the site on Mannheim for the practical drills. We currently have 3 members enrolled.

We are also training three members in Swift Water Operations. These members will add to our technical rescue team.

As mentioned above our department will be participating in the mass casualty drill involving a full scale plane crash. As more info becomes available

We have also set up a matrix on when fire investigators should be called to an incident. It will provide a guideline as to calling for additional off duty and division investigators. It is a flow chart that Lt. Leiser will train the shifts on. As the Lead Fire Investigator for Schiller Park, Lt. J. Leiser should be notified of all incidents.

We 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 201 hours of training for the month with 20 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	20	201	171	2745

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 Employees of the Month Lt. Greg Swiontek, FF/PM Bertoncini, FF/PM Kady and FF/PM Zydlo.

Lt. Swiontek has worked to put an AED on Battalion 5 and also will work with Loyola on outfitting Truck 5 with an AED.

Lt. Swiontek worked with Loyola and their EMS Paramedic program to receive, mentor and precept two paramedic students.

FF/PM Kady, FF/Pm Bertoncini and FF/PM Zydlo took on the additional task of being on the ambulance and working with each of the students. The students can do anything that a paramedic can do with supervision. We appreciate all the time spent with these men on calls and in learning the environment of the firehouse

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.

House Bill 3773 – 10 year Battery Smoke Detectors

This bill awaits the Governor's signature as it passed both houses. It amends the Smoke detector act to require homes built before 1988 which are using removeable battery alarms to replace them with long 10 year non-removable batteries over the next five years.

Members of our department are working with putting Pre-Plans on our Mobile Data Terminals (MDT'S) in our vehicles. They will be found in the GIS map section.

Our fire prevention bureau conducted acceptance tests of new installed fire alarm systems and approved Business Regulation Certificate Data Sheets.

B/C Hatcher addressed the Trouble Alarms from the past month from both the end user and Midwest Central Dispatch.

B/C Hatcher also reviewed all the fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection reports.

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. Those not complying will be turned over to our legal department.

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.

ISO has changed their grading system and now will give credit for Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

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

The Village 9/11 remembrance will be held at Clock Tower at 8:30 AM all are encouraged to attend.

The Irving Park Cemetery will also be hosting a ceremony at 11:30 followed by a luncheon on 9/11. They appreciate our attendance.

A young man Travis also is planning a meal for 1st responders at the Leyden firehouse in the afternoon. It is a way of honoring and thanking first responders.

The Boy Scouts are planning to have a Flag Retirement ceremony on September 11th.

We are beginning to prepare for the annual Car Show August 27th. We plan on selling beverages again. This year it is planned as an entire Family Weekend Experience with a movie on Friday, Pierogi fest on Saturday and Car Show Sunday.

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.

FF/PM Warden is also in the process of planning the Fire Prevention Month. She will soon post a sign up and the agenda for the month. As part of the festivities an Open House will also be planned.

MABAS Division 20 Benevolent Fund will be holding a Bags Tournament on September 24th at MB Financial in Rosemont. Cost is \$100 for a team of 2 with food included (cash bar) or \$20 for food only.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and

CPR classes for residents and businesses in town.

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.

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Retiree Row

This past month we had a number of goings on with our retirees.

Chief Chiodo was contacted by Matt Hanlon son of FF Joe Hanlon (dec.). He was interested in coming to the firehouse with his kids to hear stories about his dad and to show his children where grandpa worked. We look forward to hosting Matt and his family.

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.

The Association is also planning on having its Employee Appreciation and Thank You on September 21st. This years theme will be Taco Fest.

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

Stork Report

FF/PM LiRosi (ret.) has informed us that he and his wife are expecting a baby

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

Members of the McNeill family thanked the fire department for all that was done for retired dispatcher Dan McNeill. The tribute in front of the firehouse, the walk through all were greatly appreciated. Dan's son John was a firefighter/paramedic for Schiller Park before going to Gurnee.

The Journey Care Foundation sent thanks tom the fire department for our donation in memory of Lt. Chester Kwiat (dec.)

A letter was received from Mayor Caiafa thanking all the members for all their work and extra work during the recent storms and flooding along River Road.

Finally, our last letter was received from Chief Stephens III (Rosemont) for our help with the fire that was ultimately determined to be a Chicago Fire this past month.

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 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 also working to clean up the mass notification system of old numbers, bad numbers, disconnected as well as updating all employees contact info.

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

And Finally...

The key to serenity is trusting that the universe has your back.

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 8 – A picture of the Amphicar on both land and in the water.

Black Shift participated in Red Nose day





KNOW THE DIFFERENCE



TORNADO WATCH TORNADO WARNING

A graphic with a black background. At the top, the text 'KNOW THE DIFFERENCE' is written in white. Below this, there are two side-by-side images. The left image shows a woman in a brown dress and hat riding a bicycle in a field. The right image shows a person in a black witch costume with a green face. Below the images, the text 'TORNADO WATCH' and 'TORNADO WARNING' are written in white.