

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 December 14th when Red shift was sent to a report of wires down. Upon arrival the crew found that one end of a power line was on the ground with the other still attached to the pole. Com Ed was notified and the scene secured.

After shift change Gold shift took in the call for a smell of gas. On scene the occupant told the engine crew that he smelled gas near the furnace. A leak was found near the valve and the gas turned OFF to both the furnace and hot water heater. The occupants said they would call for repair.

December 15th had Black shift take in a Hazardous Materials call in Bensenville. At the location B/C Leiser took the Haz Mat Command role and Lt. Swiontek took the Entry Team Leader role.

Red shift on the 17th took in a possible car fire at the oasis with a man trapped. Pulling up engine 5 found a mini van with a man sitting inside. The man stated he stated driving when others told him to park his car was on fire. Firefighters opened the hood to find engine coolant had overheated and caused steam to emulate from the compartment.

A life alarm alert came in on the 19th for Red shift. The engine and ambulance responded and were not able to make entry via the doorbell. A callback yield no answer and so members laddered the building to a balcony. No obvious persons were visible. A subsequent call to the premises revealed that the unit had been unplugged causing the false alarm.

A call at one of our hotels for a fire alarm had the fire investigative team assigned to engine 5 take in the call. On scene members were met by the manager who stated that someone left a glove in the oven and it started smoking.

Red shift takes in a call for an accident with injuries on December 25th. On scene they find three cars involved with a person trapped requiring extrication. Our spreader and cutter were deployed and the person in the drivers seat removed from the car and transported.

A call later Christmas Day was for a fire alarm. When Red shift members arrived they had a tenant in one unit inform the fire fighters that they were trying to sleep and a smoke alarm chirping prevented them from sleeping. The smoke detector in the hallway had its battery removed and changed by the crew and the tenant was able to go back to sleep.

A call on the toll way December 26th near Northlake had members respond for a possible car fire. Gold shift arrived to find the vehicle on the side of the road and the owner telling Lt. Leiser that he was only having mechanical problems.

December 28th had Black shift take in a three car accident with injuries. This job required extrication of one of the occupants and a call to Franklin Park to assist us with an additional ambulance.

The next day Black shift responded to a Box Alarm in Des Plaines for a structure fire. Schiller Park Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were assigned as the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and RIT Chief. The muffler shop was a complete loss.

The 30th then had Truck 5 and Battalion 5 respond to River Grove for the structure fire. Battalion 5 became the Interior Operations Chief and Truck 5 was assigned RIT.

2017 ended on the 31st when Black shift took in the smell of gas in the building. Monitors from Truck 5 found a small leak at the meter. NICOR was

called to the scene.

Members then took in an automatic aid call to Rosemont for a fire in the elevator room. Truck 5 assisted Park Ridge with an attack line to the basement of the parking garage. After knocking down the fire members helped with clean up and re-bedding of hose.

2018 starts off for Red shift with a fire alarm. On scene the fire crew found an activated smoke alarm in the mens bathroom with cigarette smoke appearing to be the culprit.

After returning to quarters Red shift was next sent to wires down with a fire and arcing. Fire crews blocked the scene called Com Ed and awaited a disconnect. Several trouble alarms came in as a result of the power outage.

January 1st also saw a working fire in Stone Park and Engine 5 and Battalion 5 respond. Engine 5 helped with the extinguishment while Battalion 5 was Interior Operations.

Red shift was dispatched January 3rd simultaneously with Chicago to a crash at Irving and Cumberland. Red shift pulled up to the scene and found a two car head on collision. Chicago showed up to assist. Both Schiller Park and Chicago each took a patient.

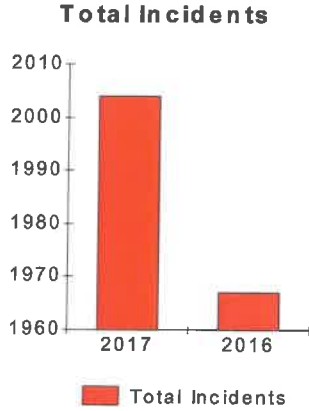
A gas leak January 5th had Black shift meet our Community Development inspector for an indoor leak. Our "snifferes" found a leak at a pipe union and NICOR was notified. Our Housing inspector remained on scene until the utility arrived.

Water leaking from the ceiling on January 7th had Gold shift respond. Members found the water coming from the guest room above at the motel.

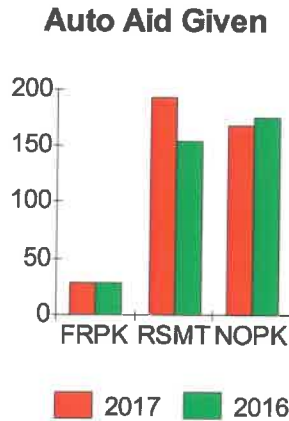
The last call for the reporting period occurred on January 8th for the report of a semi truck on fire. The truck was on the toll way and placarded with a flammable liquids class 3. The shift observed smoke and fire showing at the fifth wheel area. A line was pulled and the fire put out with

approximately 1,000 gallons of water. The driver indicated that he tried also to put out the fire with a portable fire extinguisher prior to our arrival.

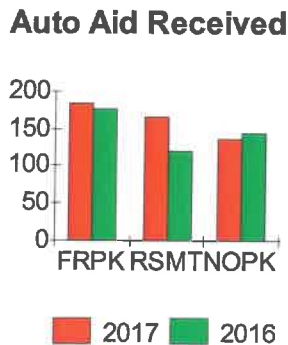
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "From":



	2017	2016
Total Incidents	2004	1967

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	29	28
Norwood Park (NOPK)	169	176
Rosemont (RSMT)	193	154

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	185	177
Norwood Park (NOPK)	137	143
Rosemont (RSMT)	164	120

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Piculas has applied for a non-duty disability pension due to a knee problem.

The Fire and Police Commission continue with the hiring process, 144 applications were purchased, 127 persons showed up for the orientation and written exam and roughly 60 candidates will be moving on to the Oral interviews. The oral interviews are scheduled for March. We are currently one member short with FF/PM Piculas on medical.

The Vacation/PD calendars are circulating. To balance seniority, acting officers and departmental needs a few shift changes were necessary. I appreciate the understanding that the four members have with this disruption.

The new air exhaust system is completely installed. This came from the membership as a health issue so please make sure that it is used each and every time the vehicles are in use. I am implementing safety/health policies for the air exhaust, hearing and ballistic protection. NFPA 3000 is

a new standard for active shooter and hot spot incidents. We have been proactive in this regard.

The Village of Schiller Park is sponsoring a Schiller Park Night Out for its employees. Brian Bursiek is coordinating an outing to the Northwestern v. Wisconsin basketball game at the Allstate Arena on February 22nd. Please see him if interested in tickets.

The Final Rules and Regulations are part of a mandatory training through Target Solutions and have an updated version January 1, 2018. There will be hard copies and also an electronic version on our shared drive. They had not been revised since 1995. I am also reviewing all of our SOG's and coming up with a new template. This second phase of review will take several months.

I have also issued a few new General Orders concerning Time Coming, Pin In Responses, and Adoption of the Rules. These too can be found on the shared drive.

ISO came out January 25th to review our department. 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. B/C Cesaretti and FF/PM Bubis will be spearheading this effort.

I have a preliminary budget for the 2019 fiscal year. I will be meeting with the Finance Director and Village Manager in the next week.

We are still trying to sell Tower Ladder 454. We have it listed on Ebay, Brindle Mountain, F&P brokers and Govdeals.com.

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:

As mentioned above the new air diesel exhaust system has been installed. Please make sure that it is used each and every time.

During our preventive maintenance checks we found that the spreader on Truck 5 was not working properly. It has been sent in for service.

We noticed that our SCBA fill station had a minor leak. The leak has been repaired so that the quality of our breathing air is not affected.

While a repair was being made to a heating unit on the roof, the contractor severed the gas line to our grill. The piping has been repaired and you are free to grill again.

A large bang was heard on the apparatus floor during the past month which to those of us here for a while recognize. It is the sound of one of the springs on the overhead doors snapping. Our overhead door company came out to make the repair and we also purchased a spare set so that the next time it is not a special order and can be repaired immediately.

Our mechanic Tony Calafati also worked on multiple items during his preventive maintenance and emergency maintenance.

And lastly, this past month the tires on Battalion 5 were replaced as they showed some major wear.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

New burn kits were provided by Loyola and put in service on both ambulances.

Lt. Swiontek is re-writing the infectious control program and researching the possibility of new jump bag for Engine 5.

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.

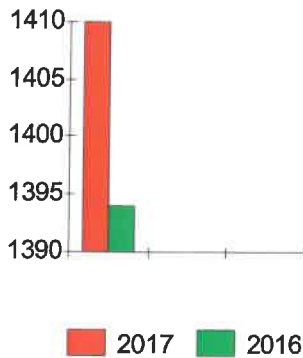
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 147 emergency calls. A total of 138 patients were encountered. 96 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	147	1410
ALS Transports	49	575
BLS Transports	47	351
Refusals/MPR's	26	247
Other Non-Transports	3	39
Fire Responses	22	196
CPR Students taught	0	24
Mut. Aid to SHPK	4	53
SHPK to others	11	79

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 pass it on to your Officers.

What's in the works? –

- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- Establishing a twitter account
- New water cooler/bottle fill station
- 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

December Trivia

Why does the San Francisco Fire Department still use wooden ladders?

Because a large part of San Francisco's utility poles are in front of

buildings and with low hanging wires the use of wooden ladders (non-conductive) made it imperative to use these as their primary ladders.

Chief Belmonte WECH ret.) and Jimmy "Z" both got the answer correct.

January Trivia

Why does the ambulance have a blue strip around it on "Chicago Fire"?

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.

All members completed Pre-hospital trauma Life Support (PTLS) at Franklin Park. This is a Loyola Medical system requirement.

B/C Cesaretti attended a grant writing class at Triton College.

FF/PM Bubis completed additional NIMS on line training.

FF/PM Dehmlow and FF/PM Loch attended Division 20 hazardous materials training.

FF/PM Dehmlow and FF/PM Jackson are signed up for Surface Ice Rescue.

FF/PM Santiago will be attending the Ice Rescue Technician class.

Lt. Steker (FRPK) is setting up next year's classes to include RIT under fire, truck company operations and engine company operations.

FF/PM Jackson attended the Division 20 honor guard training.

Lt. J. Leiser attended Division 20 fire investigator training.

The State Fire Marshal has partnered again with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Any class that the Institute gives will have the end of class test count as the State certification exam. Other agencies delivering classes will NOT have the same privilege. You will need to take a separate State test. See Lt. Leiser.

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 345 hours of training for the month with 21 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/Classes	21	345	282	4535

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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employees of the Month FF/PM Marcello Leao and FF/PM Neimand as our employees of the month.

Both of these men have stepped up and taken on projects above and beyond.

FF/PM Leao approached Chief Chiodo with a proposal for air quality testing. He obtained bids and set the parameters for testing. He worked with the industrial hygienist engineer through the whole process to completion.

Marcello then helped coordinate the evaluation process of the different companies who sell air diesel exhaust systems and made a final recommendation. He was the point person who met, discussed and was the liaison with the company who eventually installed. Throughout the entire process he handled all the activities through to completion.

FF/PM Neimand has been working diligently with the fire prevention bureau throughout the year. Adam has worked on keeping record keeping and any change that was needed on the ipads. He also was able to add in the business license component on the ipad. Adam has stepped up in the absence of B/C Hatcher to help run the Fire Prevention Bureau. He has done this on B/C Hatcher's days off and assisted in receiving fire prevention reports, sprinkler, fire and FOIA requests.

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.

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Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts have completed their 2017 inspections and will get their 2018 inspections. Each shift has 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.

Some of the highlights for 2018 in the Bureau include sending out a courtesy letter several weeks prior to the actual inspection. On the list will include the most common violations that we find. This is intended to be educational and give the business the opportunity to do some housekeeping and understand the inspectional process. It will also elaborate on the rationale of violation and to come into compliance.

Business licenses will also be double checked that the business complies with the code. Members are to check with Kara Blomquist prior to going out on inspections to verify that applied for and were issued a current license.

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.

When checking sprinkler/standpipe connections please see that it is a stortz fitting. If they have not complied with our request to change the connection, please advise that we may be able to hook up to that system. Any questions can be referred to Chief Chiodo.

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.

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Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

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

Members participated in the Village Winter Wonderland and Santa House tending the fire and assisting with smores.

Lt. Budnik was the chauffer for the Fraternal Order of Police as he escorted Santa Claus to the schools.

All three shifts also solicited donations on behalf of the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at Walgreens. Several hundred dollars were raised over the three days.

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 month we want to pass on retirement news from some of our neighbors.

This past month we heard from Chief Preiss (ret.). He wrote that it's been 22 years since he retired from our fire department. Not a day goes by that he doesn't miss it. He has retired a second time after 21 years with McDonald's. He sold his stores with his wife, Lynn, and they are involved with their son's horse racing and breeding business. Wally lives near Reno, NV and misses the guys that he used to work with.

We wish him and all retirees well.

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

Members Rang the Bell and Filled the Red Kettle for the Salvation Army at Walgreens on December 20, 21 and 22 from 1-3 P.M. Several hundred dollars were raised.

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

Foreign Fire

Many of the items authorized were purchased in the last month. Some of the equipment authorized includes a trailer for our new boat, rescue/ extrication equipment and technical rescue equipment.

Letters and Notes

Operation North Pole sent a thank you for our partnership in helping distribute winter coats at Kennedy School during December.

A resident also sent thanks to FF/PM Bubis for his patience in installing a car seat during the past month.

A thank you was received from the family of Fr. Fred Tomzik (chaplain of the NOPK Fire Protection District) for us attending the wake and fire department walk through during the funeral.

Emergency Mgmt.

B/C Leiser and Trustee Deegan are working with the Village Officials in completing any necessary NIMS

certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities. Some tabletop drills will be planned for the Spring.

Chief Leiser works with 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 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...

A misty morning does not signify a cloudy day.

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.

Pictures: Page 7- Members help distribute winter coats with Operation North Pole at Kennedy School.

Page 8 – The air diesel exhaust system installed on apparatus floor.

Members at Operation North Pole in Rosemont.

Chief Chiodo and Battalion Chief Cesaretti congratulate FF/PM Rusciollelli at his NIPSTA Graduation



