

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 March 16th when a call for Black shift had persons trapped in an elevator in a hotel. Members arrived to find those persons stuck in the elevator on the fourth floor. Lock out tag out procedures were instituted and our unique elevator keys were used to open both the exterior and interior doors. Members removed two occupants who declined any medical care.

Red shift on the 16th had a fire alarm in motel. Our fire investigative team found the manager who stated they set off the alarm while cooking in the back garage.

A structure fire response was toned out for Black shift on March 19th. En-route B/C Leiser was advised that it was one of our towing yards. After arrival members cu the exterior gate and found seven cars burning. Engine 5 dropped the skid load and “hit” a hydrant. Rosemont also backed their engine down the driveway for additional water while Truck 2 (FRPK) and Tower Ladder 104 (NOPK) assisted with overhaul.

Black shift on the 21st responded to the toll way at I-290 for a roll over semi on the ramp with a pin in. Chief Chiodo and B/C Leiser responded first to find a truck on its side with the driver semi conscious in the cab. A pin in response brought companies from Rosemont and Franklin Park. After cutting the rear of the cab the driver was extricated and transported to Loyola a Level One trauma center. (see photos).

Later in the shift a Fire in Westchester was elevated to a Box Alarm. A chief from Schiller Park was

due and Battalion 5 under the direction of B/C Leiser took in the call and acted as the Safety Officer. After bringing the fire under control fire investigators were requested to the scene and Lt. Leiser responded.

Several hours later another structure fire in Westchester again had B/C Leiser respond to this incident and act as the Safety Officer again.

March 22nd had a call for the smell of natural gas at a commercial facility. Red shift was told by the manager that the officer staff complained of smelling gas but had gone home for the day. Members monitored the entire area with no readings.

Gold shift took in an EMS Box Alarm in Des Plaines for a motor vehicle accident on the toll way. FF/PM Warden the senior medic on the ambulance responded with PM Lange and transported to Lutheran General one of the patients.

A structure fire in River Grove on March 25th had Truck 5 and Battalion 5 take in the call. Battalion 5 assumed the interior operations position and our truck the Rapid Intervention spot until relieved by NOPK. Our truck then followed River Grove into the basement to help extinguish and overhaul.

Gold shift took in a call on the toll way for a reported car fire. Acting B/C Leiser pulled up and spoke with the trooper and the owner who said there was no fire but rather a mechanical issue.

Lt. Budnik and Red shift March 28th had a fire alarm in a motel building. Responder's found workers in a separate building doing sanding and setting off the alarm.

A trouble alarm later in the shift had Engine 5 respond and find an overflowing toilet on a floor above leak water into the detector and setting off the alarm.

Persons trapped in an elevator March 29th had Gold shift take in the call and find the elevator car stuck with persons inside. Members used the drop keys to access the person and

the elevator was placed out of service.

An odor of natural gas call next had Gold shift respond to the single family residence. On scene the resident stated that she was afraid because she left the gas on the stove "ON" while she was out of the building. Members checked the gas and knobs and ventilated the home.

"Smoke in the Building" was the dispatch on March 31st and had Black shift respond. From the outside there was nothing that was showing. Entry was made into the building and our firefighters found a barrel of construction debris burning. Engine 5 used a "hand pump can" to put it out.

The month ended with a medical call at a resident's home March 31st. Red shift took in the call and found that the resident had accidentally set off her medical alert device.

A motor vehicle incident on the toll way April 4th involving a semi-truck and a car. Members then treated the person in the car needing medical attention and transported.

April 5th next had Black shift take in the smell of something burning in the laundry room. The fire investigative crew tried to trace the source of the slight smell to no avail. The building owner on scene said he would keep an open eye.

Black shift early in the morning on the 6th took in a fire alarm at a combination business. On scene they found that one of the businesses had burnt some bread they were preparing for the days business.

The next day at the same location another of the businesses had fire alarm. This time our firefighters found that they placed plastic in the oven and as it melted set off the fire alarm.

A call from the toll way on April 11th for a car fire had Black shift take it in. A small delay occurred as cars would not pass up the car on fire thus hindering our ability to get there. When finally there, engine 5 knocked the fire down. An ambulance from Rosemont was called so that they

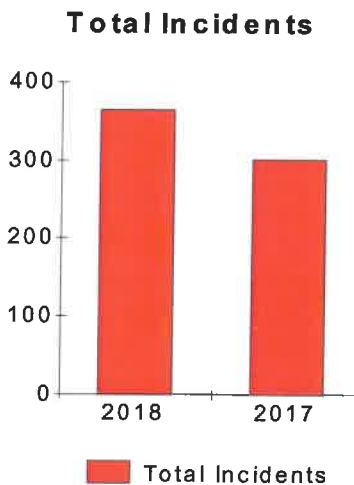
could come down from I 90.

B/C Leiser took in a Box Alarm for a Hazardous Materials incident in Broadview along with our on duty Haz Mat technicians. The incident was at a hospital and Battalion 5 took the Communications assignment while Lt. Greg Swiontek took the Entry Officer role.

A reported Structure fire in Rosemont at the Convention center had Truck 5 and battalion 5 respond auto aid. The fire was extinguished fairly quickly and our personnel assisted with ventilation in the ballroom hallways April 14th.

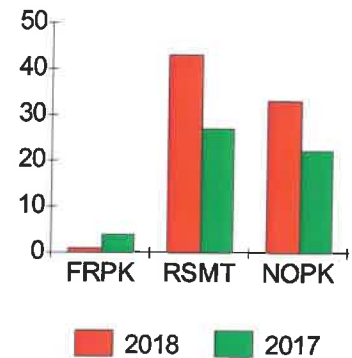
The last call of this reporting period comes from Black shift. Their next call was on the toll way for a report of a woman pushed out from a car. Members and state troopers cruised the toll way searching both north and south bound with no woman found.

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



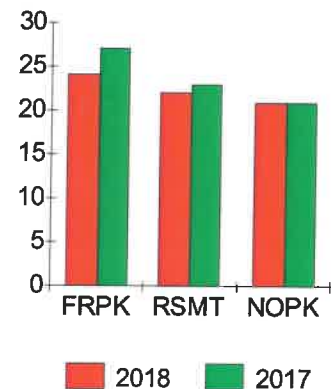
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of March 31st "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	364	301

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	1	4
Norwood Park (NOPK)	33	22
Rosemont (RSMT)	43	27

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	24	27
Norwood Park (NOPK)	21	21
Rosemont (RSMT)	22	23

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) recently completed its grading in Schiller Park. We are pleased to announce that we have improved our Classification to a Class 3. Over the course of the past 30 years we have steadily improved from a Class 6. We barely missed a Class 2 by 1/10th of a point. We now have a blueprint on where we can go to continue to improve. We will have to wait at least one year before inviting them out again.

We have installed a monitor in the kitchen that is connected to crewsense and our CAD center. It allows for calls to be displayed as we are leaving the firehouse along with other pertinent information. Because of the success with this tool we are considering a second status board on the apparatus floor.

MABAS Division 20 has a new website. They are in the process of issuing passwords for the member only section. This will be the central spot for all information in the division including minutes, agendas, classes and news.

We are in the process of updating all of our Standard Operating Guidelines. Approximately 30 are written and under review. I hope to have them all by the end of the Summer.

The Village has approved the purchase of 2 new MDT's to replace our 11 year old models. B/C Leiser has placed the order and they should be here shortly. They will go on the ambulances.

The pension board has announced that Blaine Schneider has been re-elected to the pension board.

The Fire and Police Commission has published the Final Eligibility list for entry level Firefighter/Paramedic.

At the Village Appreciation Dinner March 28th FF/PM Bubis was presented with the 2017 Firefighter of the Year. The Lions Club also presented him with a recognition. (see photos)

Franklin park has received their new E-One ladder truck. It went to FDIC showcase and will go into service mid-May.

Berkeley will be ending its Paid On Call program for firefighters on May 1st after a long and valuable service provided by those volunteers and POC's.

Our congratulations to Lt Budnik who was appointment to the Bensenville Fire Protection District as a trustee.

A new Ordinance passed by the Village Board will allow the fire department to set Fire Lanes throughout the Village. Previously the Code only specified one location. Chief Chiodo will work with the fire prevention bureau to determine where they are needed. The Police Department will maintain enforcement.

The Division is looking at a night out at the Chicago Dogs baseball team in Rosemont. The team is a Class AA club and this is their inaugural season. More details to follow.

Our congratulations to Kara Blumquist on being named an Unsung Hero by Cook County. She was honored and given an award recently.

We received notice that we were turned down for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. We applied for a grant for a secondary set of turn out gear as a safety

concern over contaminated equipment.

We are also looking at the OSFM small tool grant program for a posi check and porta count machine.

A third grant is from Com Ed that we are applying for looking at additional battery operated hydraulic tools. Keep your fingers crossed.

We are still trying to sell Tower Ladder 454. We have it listed on 15 brokers besides Ebay, State Fire Marshal and Govdeals.com.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

A number of items have been worked on this past month.

Lt. Budnik has sent out Engine 5 (455) for its annual preventive maintenance. Global found a number of issues that are being addressed through repairs. Tony here in Schiller Park will be able to work on other issues.

Tower ladder 5 also is at Global. When showing a prospective buyer it blew a hydraulic line. It is being repaired so it can be shown again. They are also doing the necessary certifications so that it is more attractive to buyers.

Our new Truck 5 had an air leak repaired in house by Tony.

The roof on the Village Hall complex including the firehouse have been fixed. These have been no leaks in the Chief's office or other administrative offices in the firehouse as of yet.

As a reminder, DO NOT RUN any vehicle in-house connected to the air exhaust system.

Our mechanic Tony Calafati also worked on multiple items during his

preventive maintenance and emergency maintenance.

encountered. 68 patients were transported to area hospitals.

-New high-rise load packing tool

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Triton EMT program director Bill Justice has provided each department hosting an EMT student yellow high visibility jackets for the students to wear. It has a removeable liner for the summer months. The jacket will be issued in the morning from Dee's office and returned there after the student leaves for the day.

Ambulance 5 went out for its six month safety lane inspection and passed.

Triton will be hosting its Emergency Services Advisory Committee meeting May 25th.

Loyola has announced that its new System Coordinator is Dawn Wujcik. She previously was the ECRN instructor.

Gottlieb will be celebrating EMS Week May 23 and 24th from 11:00 until 5:00 PM with a Southern Style BBQ in the ED Ambulance Bay.

We continue to work with and proctor Loyola and Triton EMS students riding. Please welcome them and help teach.

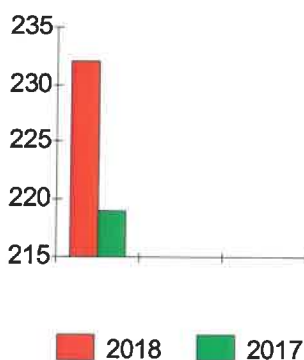
Loyola is jointly working with a vendor on having a mobile stroke intervention unit available. We will stay in contact with them to see if this tool is an option for our residents and workers based on where it may be housed.

When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, 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 116 emergency calls. A total of 101 patients were

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	116	348
ALS Transports	52	141
BLS Transports	16	62
Refusals/MPR's	19	69
Other Non-Transports	10	26
Fire Responses	19	69
CPR Students taught	1	1
Mut. Aid to SHPK	3	10
SHPK to others	2	11

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
- 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

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

March Trivia

What attributes do the eight points on a maltese cross signify?

- Observation
- Dexterity
- Explicitness
- Perseverance
- Sympathy
- Gallantry
- Loyalty
- Tact

No correct answers were submitted this past month.

April Trivia

What attributes does the six pointed Star of Life represent.

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.

A number of members have been working diligently in obtaining different State Fire Marshal certifications.

B/C Cesaretti completed Rescue Task Force instructor training. He will work with training our entire department in techniques and

procedures.

Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Miletta attended Courage Undewr Fire training in Carol Stream.

FF/PM Miletta also attended Fire tactics in Carol Stream. He will take a state test soon.

We are also hosting a 2 day SCBA technician class in May. We have three members signed up with one slot being comped as a result of hosting the event.

Lt. Budnik has posted the hose testing schedule for 2018. This will be done as a training event for all members.

Lt. Leiser set up training with METRA to do training on their passenger rail cars and locomotives. All shifts attended joint training with Franklin Park on April 2-4th.

Lt. Leiser attended the Division 20 fire investigator training.

FF/PM Jackson attended the Division 20 honor guard 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 385 hours of training for the month with 37 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	37	385	86	865

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 B/C Cesaretti and FF/PM Bubis.

As a result of a lot of hard work, data retrieval and working with engineers, other fire departments and other staff members, Schiller park was able to gain a more favorable ISO rating.

These gentlemen were able to get Schiller park from a Class 4 to a Class 3. This may affect the insurance rates for commercial users here in town. We barely missed by 1/10th of a point getting the Class 2 designation.

We will have to wait one year before

inviting the ISO back for grading. By then our dispatch center alone will have at least one year of data and our infrastructure should have improved to get us the lower rating.

Thank you to all the members who helped with the process, trained. Flowed hydrants, do inspections which all helped improved our Classification.

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 have completed their 2017 inspections and started 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.

With the improvement from our ISO grading a letter was sent out to commercial subscribers letting them know our new classification and asking them to check with their insurance companies to see if their insurance premiums will be affected.

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 given 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 n 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.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

April was NO Texting and Driving Month. We asked that members of the community sign the pledge not to text and drive. This program will continue throughout the year a copy which can be found in this issue.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Village was held March 31st at Kennedy Park. Members escorted the Bunny to the park and helped with the hunt. See photos

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.

Retiree Row

This month we want to pass on info received from our retired members:

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) has stopped in to have lunch with his former shift and to see how things are going. Working Community Development gives him a chance to stay in contact with many of his former co-workers and stay a part of Schiller Park extending over 30 years.

POC Lt. Dimaggio (ret.) called by phone to see how everyone is doing. Sam misses the group of dedicated individuals working here. He still can't believe how fast time flies

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 Association found out that a firefighter and friend from River Grove, John Paczesny, suffered a heart attack while in quarters. A fund raiser is being held May 19th at the underpass in Franklin Park.

Broadviews Fire Explorers are also holding a fundraiser on May 27th to assist in their program. A Pancake breakfast will help raise funds for their gear and supplies.

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

Foreign Fire

The Foreign Fire Insurance group met this past month and approved several purchases. These included a second display board fore the apparatus floor, new access point on apparatus floor, a CAD workstation license, ratcheting hydrant wrench exercise mats.

Letters and Notes

We received several notes and thanks you's this past month. They include:

A note from former fire department employee Jimmy Ziebka who realized that 99% of the current employees do not know who Jimmy "Z" is as he worked here in the mid 1980's. So he would like to re-introduce himself, when we refer to Jimmy "Z", this is Jimmy Ziebka. Jimmy has been a member of our association since almost its founding and stops by often to see the members and participate in department activities.

A thank you from the family of FF/PM Dave Kady's family who thanked the department for the prayers, thoughts and flowers at the passing of his grandfather.

The Schiller Park Recreation Department thanked the firefighters for delivering the Easter Bunny for the annual Easter Egg hunt.

We also received thanks from the Division 20 Honor Guard for our support of the Honor Guard as they would be going to FDIC for competition. FF/PM Jackson one of the members will represent our department.

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 2018. The EOP is on the shared drive on our computers.

We received word that we were turned down for an AFG grant by FEMA. We also lost a grant from Firehouse Subs. We await word from the OSFM on our Posi check grant and from Com Ed.

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.

And Finally...

The world was designed and built to overwhelm and astonish.

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- Franklin Parks new Truck 2, Easter Egg Hunt with Bunny and Red Shift.

Page 8- Rollover crash on I-294 ramp to I-290 on Black shift. Our new status board in kitchen.

Page 9- Members attend the Firefighter of the Year Honoring FF/PM Tim Babis. Red Shift where Tim is a part of attended. Tim was also presented with an award from the Lions Club. Our new water fountain and water bottle fill station.

Page 10 Our Take the Pledge form not to text and drive.





Take the Pledge

An EPIDEMIC is sweeping across America, causing drivers everywhere to black out for FIVE SECONDS at a time. It's called TEXTING AND DRIVING.

Text Free Driving Pledge

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it makes me 23 times more likely to crash.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like driving after having 4 beers.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like taking my eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 MPH, it is like driving the length of a football field completely blind.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because car crashes kill an average of 11 teens EVERYDAY.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because distracted driving injures 333,000 people every year.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving is a dangerous and life threatening to me, others in my car and everyone else on the roads.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving ends and ruins lives every day and I will NOT contribute to this growing epidemic.

By signing below, I am making a conscious commitment to NOT text while driving, always wear my seatbelt and encourage my friends and family to always do the same.

Signature

Date