

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 August 19th when a fire alarm on Black shift had members respond to the business. The fire investigative team found that the smoke detector had been activated in the bathroom when someone was smoking.

After shift change Red shift responded to the toll way for a vehicle crash. Here they found three cars involved in a rear end collision. An additional ambulance was requested from Franklin Park. As soon as the crew picked up from this incident, dispatched notified them of another accident on the toll way that members took in and this time requested Northlake ambulance to come to our aid.

A water flow alarm on August 21st had Gold shift respond. Arriving the shift found water flowing from the main drain. Members entered and did not find the fire pump running but did have water flowing.

August 22nd had a Box Alarm in Leyden for the Investigators called by Command. Schiller Park responded with an on duty investigator.

A T-bone accident on August 23rd had Red shift arrive and secure the scene while paramedics assessed those involved.

A fire in Park Ridge on the 23rd had Park Ridge request a Box Alarm. At this level Schiller Park Engine 5 changes quarters. During the change quarters, Engine 5 took in an ambulance call with Rosemont’s ambulance. After picking up from the ambulance call RED Center dispatch sent us to a call for smoke in the building. Here members found a BBQ

grill in the backyard which produced the smoke.

Later in the shift a dispatch came in for a person trapped in an elevator. Engine 5 responded and found person trapped on the second floor. After securing the elevator our elevator keys were used and the person removed.

Engine 5 then was sent to a smell of natural gas. The occupant woke up and after opening the patio door smelled the gas. After monitoring the building it was determined that it was not from inside the structure. NICOR was called to investigate further.

Black shift on the 24th responded to a fire alarm in a warehouse. On scene the fire investigative team found a light haze in the building. Looking further it was a construction crew who using a cement saw had dust activate the alarm.

August 25th had Gold shift take in a call on the toll way for a four car accident. After arriving and setting up a safe work zone, paramedics assessed the occupants and triaged all seven people.

Gold shift was detailed to a special event on the 25th when they were flagged down for an EMS call. After evaluating the call the patient was transported to the hospital.

A reported structure fire in Norwood Park on the 26th had Command assign Truck 5 to make entry into the rear of the building and check for fire extension. The truck also checked the basement for fire extension and reported back to command until released.

Lt. Jeffrey and his engine then took in a car fire. On scene the shift found smoke coming from under the hood and visible fire was seen under the car. A 1 ¾” line was dropped and the fire put out with about 125 gallons of water. The owner stated that she saw oil on the ground earlier in the day. It is uncertain if this caused the fire.

August 27th had Black shift take in a call for the smell of gasoline in the area of a residence. Complainant

stated that the smell was present for a few hours. Members searched the immediate area and the surrounding areas and could not locate the source. Monitors also did not detect any presence.

FF/PM Niemand, Acting Officer, on August 29th took in a call with the engine for carbon monoxide. Using our meters levels of 22 ppm were initially noted. Further searching found elevated levels at 37ppm and traced to a stove in a garden apartment. The area was ventilated using natural ventilation and positive pressure.

August 30th had Black shift respond to a fire alarm. Members were able to locate the source as burnt food in a kitchen of the pre-school.

Wavers outside of Black shifts next call on the 30th had the members investigate the apartment building and locate smoke from burnt food in the oven in one of the units. Truck 5 ventilated the building after forcing entry. Searching the unit the fire investigative team found two occupants sleeping and unaware of what was going on. They were removed and evaluated.

September 1st found Red shift take in a water flow alarm. Members found an activated sprinkler head in the warehouse but no reason for activation. The riser was shut down and the occupant advised to call for service.

Black shift on the 2nd took in a fire alarm call and were met by a resident who stated that she was cooking bacon and set off the fire alarm.

Wires down dominate the next few calls starting on September 6th when Red shift responded to wires down in a tree. Engine 5 found electric and cable/phone lines all down. The area was secured and Com Ed et al called.

A few hours later and Engine 5 took in another set of wires down this time on top of a garage. No fire or sparks were present and the scene was taped off with CAUTION tape and Com Ed notified again.

As the storm continued Engine 5 then made a rescue of a person trapped in their car on a flooded street. Two cars were in about 2 feet of water and occupants of both cars were assisted to dry land.

Engine 5 was next called upon at a taxi cab off the road in a ditch. The location along Mannheim road also had Chicago and Rosemont respond as the caller were not sure of the location. On scene Lt. Budnik and his crew found the taxi off the road in a ditch full of water. The driver was able to self extricate.

September 4th had Gold shift respond to a reported structure fire. Engine 5 responding from inspections was first on scene reporting smoke showing. Battalion 5 and Chief 5 arrived and had smoke from the rear second floor and Engine 5 leading out for a bedroom fire on the second floor. Truck 5 laddered the roof and Norwood Park Truck 104 did a primary search of 1st and 2nd floors. The fire was quickly knocked down and Franklin Park Truck 2 helped with overhaul. Fire investigators determined that it was an accidental fire.

A fire alarm on September 5th had Black shift respond and speak to a security guard who stated he was the only one in the building. While checking out the building members found a dry chemical extinguisher discharged. The security guard had no clue as to how that happened.

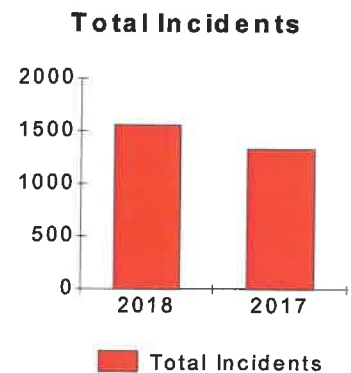
Later in the shift a fire alarm had the crews arrive to find an evacuated school with all students accounted for and the maintenance manager telling B/C Cesaretti that workers using a torch set off the alarm by accident.

Black shift on the 12th took in an automatic alarm call in an office building. The fire investigative team was met by the owner and told that there was roof work going on causing an unintentional alarm.

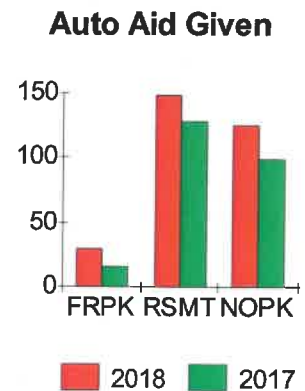
The last call for the reporting period was on the 14th when Black shift took in a call for a person trapped in an elevator. FF/PM Schneider on the

engine had his crew push open the door and let the person out of the elevator.

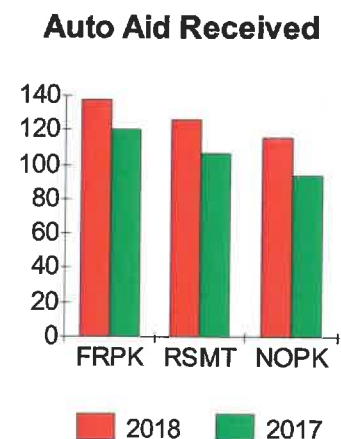
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:



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



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



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	1567	1326
Auto Aid to:		
Franklin Park (FRPK)	30	15
Norwood Park (NOPK)	126	99
Rosemont (RSMT)	148	128
Auto Aid From:		
Franklin Park (FRPK)	138	120
Norwood Park (NOPK)	116	94
Rosemont (RSMT)	126	106

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

We were saddened to hear the death of one of our full time employees Dana Nesbith this past month. The death was sudden and our prayers and thoughts continue to be with the family. Members of the fire department were able to do a walk through at the wake and be in a part of the funeral mass and procession.

The Fire and Police Commission have announced the intention of giving a Lieutenant promotion exam in the near future. They have provided the fire department an updated reading study list which is posted in the kitchen. Lt. Leiser will have all books available and kept in the Fire Prevention Office. They should not leave the firehouse. Exact days will be forthcoming. Letters of intent for those eligible are to be turned in to Chief Chiodo by December 14th at noon.

A new payroll system is being implemented with a finger scanner for logging in when you are at the firehouse. It will become effective September 23rd.

Our congratulations to Chief Kevin Miller who is retiring from the Elmwood Park Fire Department after 33 years. No successor was known

as of press time.

As technology continues to improve it was announced that Apple in their next generation of operating systems will have their iphones be able to pinpoint better the location of 9-1-1 calls. Currently cell phones ping the nearest tower.

Copies of the new Standard Operating Guidelines were distributed this past month. They are on the Shared Drive along with Hard Copies in the B/C Office, Lt. Office and in the classroom. As additional SOG's are drawn up they will be added.

Toll way work continues with changing patterns on a regular basis. The oasis is still scheduled to come down early October.

We have switched to Emergency Reporting which started September 1st for our NFIRS incident reporting. FF/PM Bubis is our point person and has been transferring all the old data from Firehouse software. Emergency Reporting is much more user friendly across the board and is the reporting software several of our neighbors are using.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

On the first Tuesday of the month we noticed that the air raid warning siren on top of the firehouse was not working. B/C Leiser looked at replacement versus repair and found that a new one was over \$11,000 compared to re-winding the motor for just over \$800. It is being repaired and should be working by the first week of October.

It was noted that the tires on Engine 5 (455) were in need of replacement as the thread did not meet Department of Transportation standards. Tony was able to send out the engine for

the rear tires. Also noted by Tony was a problem with the diesel engine. This was beyond what we could do in house and so engine 5 was sent to Cummins engine/diesel repair. Engine 5 is now back in service.

We budgeted for a new Posi check machine for our SCBA's this year. After we hosted and sponsored a MSA class it was determined that there was still significant life in the current shared machine. The MSA technicians said that we should send it in to Honeywell for calibration and overhaul. This will be done at a significant cost savings. When it returns we will do the annual check on the regulators.

We were able to have all our members do annual fit testing on both our SCBA and CBRN facepieces this past month.

Our dispatch center is looking for part-time dispatchers. If interested see notice in firehouse kitchen.

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

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

The Ambulance committee has put out to several vendors our specifications for a new ambulance. We will have a bid opening and then make a recommendation to the Village Board.

Tony was able to make two repairs this past month to our ambulances. The first was on Ambulance 5 (463) when he repaired the right side air ride. He then made the second repair on the same rig by making a temporary repair on the air conditioning. Being it is the end of the heat season, we may be able to make it to next year and see how much the full repair will cost.

In order to keep the department at

minimum staffing and within our fiscal budget, Chief Chiodo has asked Lt. Swiontek to use part time paramedics as often as feasible. This is a short term solution until we can master the budget and see where finances take us.

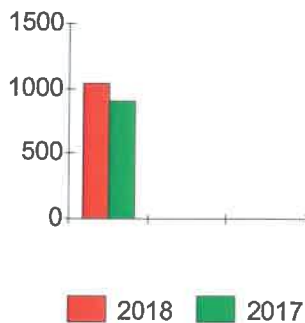
When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation have issued a bulletin concerning refreshers on nerve agents. This is posted in the kitchen for review.

During the past month personnel responded to 150 emergency calls. A total of 135 patients were encountered. 94 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	150	1039
ALS Transports	52	394
BLS Transports	42	236
Refusals/MPR's	24	193
Other Non-Transports	11	68
Fire Responses	21	152
CPR Students taught	0	7
Mut. Aid to SHPK	11	45
SHPK to others	6	45

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? –

- Finish capping aluminum on windows
- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- Mount association shifts
- Bell stand for ceremonies
- New floor covering for safety on apparatus floor
- 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

August Trivia

Many of us use yellow highlighters during the course of our business day. Why was yellow chosen as the prominent highlighter color?

Yellow was chosen in 1963 as the best highlighting color because when photo-copiers, developed by IBM Xerox, were used yellow did not show shadows when copying.

No correct answers were submitted to our question.

September Trivia

What is special about a Babendreier hydrant?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* 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 Kady Attended the Rope Operations class in Romeoville. We await his State Fire Marshal results.

FF/PM Velasco completed Confined Space Technician class in Orland Park he will take state test shortly.

All three shift participated in our annual water training and rescue at the Schiller Park pool. Members used our boat and personnel flotation devices. The pool staff worked with our firefighters on rescue techniques also.

Gold shift participated in joint training with Franklin Park at an acquired structures in their community. Joint automatic aid training is a requirement for ISO.

Chief Chiodo attended the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs seminar on Responses to Terrorists Bombings.

Our Haz Mat technicians participated in Chlorine rail emergencies training in August while our Technical Rescue members trained in a collapse rescue drill. Fire Investigators responded to two fire investigations in both Broadview and Leyden.

Many of the OSFM classes will require continuing education. Please review if any certification you hold requires Con Ed. If you would like to

be certified in the future also check what the requirements will be. The OSFM is reviewing the required content in all areas.

All members are reminded that we have a large chunk of credit at Triton College for classes for our firefighters. This was in exchange for our donation of engine 456. Please consider taking classes and earning your Associate degree at the minimum.

The State Fire Marshal is transitioning to computer based testing. Twenty-five state written examinations will be available with this new process. As certification programs are revised to the updated NFPA standards, more examinations will become available. As with most of the revised programs, continuing education hours or points accompany the certification. Please talk to Lt. Leiser for complete information and requirements.

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.

Members completed 120 hours of training for the month with 12 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	18	711	206	3036

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 FF/PM Tim Bubis.

Tim took on the task of evaluating different reporting programs for NFIRS reports. After a long in depth study and comparison which included looking at demo copies of programs, visiting other departments using other programs besides Firehouse, his recommendation was to change to Emergency Reporting.

Tim provided the staff with a training version to see what they thought and the user friendliness of this program. The vendor was also visited at FDIC and questioned extensively as to what we wanted the program to do and extract from.

The decision was made to go forward with Emergency Reporting and the program was purchased. Tim transferred all the data from our previous program Firehouse so that we would still have access to all our runs. Tim was able to work out bugs and tailor it to our needs.

Tim set with Chief Chiodo a go live date of September 1st. Prior to this date officers were asked to do reports in both formats so that we could see if any issues arose. We believe that we have a much more user friendly program that can also publish statistically data that will be used for

trending and planning.

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 more than half way through their inspections for 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.

We have been actively doing the fire hydrant flushing and doing fire flows in a grid type pattern so that we have accurate data. We have also gone out and done specific flows in areas where new businesses are looking to re-locate so they have accurate numbers.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working on many significant new development projects that will be coming or moving into town. With this progression we are taxing the bureau and any help that can be given to B/C Hatcher would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for members to go to advance training for Fire Prevention and Inspection/Inspector.

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 storz 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.

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

The Franklin Park Park District held a Touch a Truck event on August 25th that we participated in with battalion 5 and Truck 5.

Members attended the Blue Mass at St. Beatrice where the Knights of Columbus sponsored a service honoring all public safety first responders.

Members attended September 11th services held by the Village of Schiller Park at Clock Tower Park.

Black shift also participated in ceremonies honoring those from September 11th at Irving Park Cemetery which was a joint gathering of the suburbs and Chicago.

Finally Black shift took in a remembrance at Leyden Fire Protection firehouse for another gathering honoring victims of the attacks on 9/11.

Members have planned Fire Prevention Month and are looking for members to sign up to teach. Our Open House is on October 13th 11-2, we hope that all will attend. Several vendors will be on hand and refreshments will be served.

We have been invited to participate in the 16th Annual Veterans Day parade on November 3rd in Hillside. Anyone interested see FF/PM Schneider.

Schiller Park Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus are hosting the sixth annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast for Veterans and their families on November 11th at 9-12 at the Community Center.

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.

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Retiree Row

POC Stachura (ret.) held a house going away party as the Toll way has purchased their house. They will be moving to Roselle.

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.

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Letters and Notes

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

The Glenville Fire Department who bought our tower ladder are working on converting it to their needs. They have indicated that they have removed the doors for repair of oxidation and dissimilar metal spots.

Chief Miller (ELPK) wrote us a note thanking us for all that we did over the course of his career to help him and Elmwood Park.

A note from the Nesbitt family thanking the members from the fire department for attending the wake and funeral of Dana and for keeping her in our thoughts.

The Gross family (MCD) also thanked our department for attending the wake of Ron's brother Robert, who passed away and for our attendance and thoughts that were shared with the family.

The Porro family thanked the members of the fire department for all that we do and in remembrance of their daughter whom we helped several years ago.

The Franklin Park Park District thanked us for participating in their Touch a Truck event in August.

The last note that we received for this period came from a resident who indicated that her husband has passed away two weeks ago (prior to her note) and that she wanted to thank the paramedics who responded. While her husband was very sick the responding personnel came to her home and they were very kind and caring and made the traumatic event much easier.

Emergency Mgmt.

B/C Leiser is also working on an MOU with Melrose Park ESDA for response assistance.

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.

Association News

The Association worked the Annual Village Car show on August 26th selling pop and water to fair goers. After expenses the Association was able to make a profit of \$720.88. Thanks to all who volunteered to work the booth.

And Finally...

You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

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:

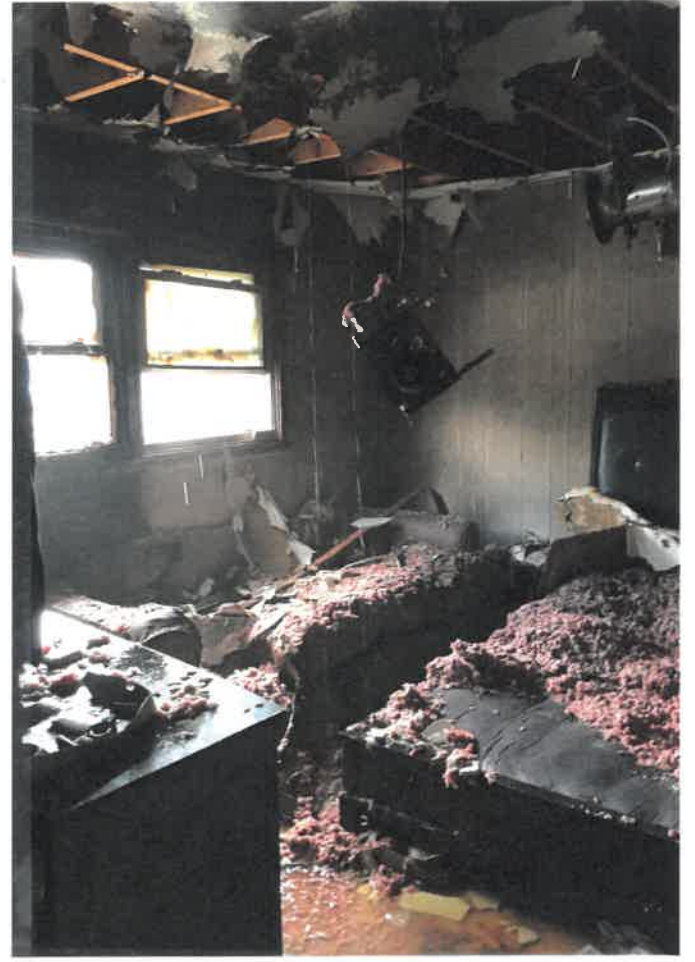
Page 7- Battalion 5 at the Franklin Park Park District Touch a Truck.

Page 8- Working Structure Fire September 4th Truck 5 to the roof, Engine 5 leads out and a room and contents bedroom fire.

Page 9- Members attend 9/11 ceremonies at the Leyden Fire Protection firehouse.

Page 10 members respond to a motor vehicle mis-hap.





Thank you for
all you do

9/11/2018



