

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 November 15th when Des Plaines had a structure fire and requested Battalion 5 and Truck 5. Gold shift provided the mutual aid.

The next day on the 16th Black shift took in an EMS call where after further assessment a second ambulance was needed. Battalion 5 then responded with Ambulance 5 and both ambulances transported.

Later in the shift a Hazardous Materials call in Leyden had B/C Leiser and Lt. Swiontek respond as Haz Mat Technicians. B/C Leiser was assigned the Haz Mat Command position and Lt. Swiontek detailed to the decontamination team.

Black shifts next call was for a person locked in the garage. Schiller Park Police were already on the scene and made the request. Engine 5 was able to assist the police by gaining access.

A dumpster fire was called in on November 18th and had Red shift respond. En-route MCD updated the crew that it was now a car fire behind an apartment building. Engine 5 arrived and found the fire in the motors area. A hose line was pulled and truck 5 made the “V” cut on the hood to gain access. No occupants were in vehicle and the car was locked. 400 gallons of water were used and FF/PM Bubis the on duty investigator looked into the origin and cause.

Next up was a call for a person stuck in the elevator. Gold shift took it in and after lock out/tag out, procedures used the elevator keys to gain access. One person was removed from the stalled elevator.

Early evening Gold shift was Stilled Out to a possible structure fire. B/C arrived and spoke with occupant who stated that there was a fire on the sofa but that he put it out. Firefighters checked for any possible extension and referred the incident to Community Development.

Black shift on the 19th took in an automatic fire alarm in a motel. Upon arrival the fire investigative crew found a pull station activated with no apparent cause. No one on scene saw anything including the fire watch person.

November 24th had Gold shift respond to a fire alarm in a commercial building. Arriving B/C Hatcher reported “Nothing Showing”. The engine and truck crew entered and were met by a cleaning crew who indicated that they needed water and used the silcock labeled Fire Inspector Test Valve. They didn’t realize the fire inspectors valve was not a water spigot for domestic use but rather part of the sprinkler system and simulated one sprinkler head going off at the remote part of the system. The sprinkler system was placed back in service and all companies returned.

The next series of calls all involved wires down. November 25th had Black shift take in wires down on the ground and also hung up on a garage. FF/PM Milletta the acting officer on the engine determined that they were cable wires and no immediate danger.

November 26th had low hanging wires not intact. Engine 5 responded and found a wire across the road. From monitoring equipment it appeared to be dead. Further investigation found that these too were cable and telephone wires. The lines were moved to a safe location and utilities contacted.

Dispatch then sent the Engine to another report of down wires. They were intact on one garage and in front of another. Because of the 10 inches of rain and snow, ice built up causing many wires in town to be

heavier than the support structures and hangers. Com Ed was notified of these conditions and they would follow up. Com Ed took in thousands of calls from fire departments in a two day period for wires down.

Several hours later and another call for wires down came in that were across the alley. Caution tape was put in place and a call to Com Ed for an ETA.

MCD then sent Engine 5 to check the wires down requested by police. Lt. Budnik and his crew arrived to find cable wire down in the alley. It was not a pole down but wires from the pole to the building. The wires were sent aside and Edison called.

Next up was a fire for Red shift on the 26th in Norwood Park. Truck 5 was assigned to make entry with Norwood Park's engine crew. Our truck crawled in and found a dog in a cage panicking to get out. The dog was removed, it will be okay, and members returned to fire attack and overhaul.

November 27th had Gold shift dispatched to a report of a vehicle smoking. On scene Schiller Park Police said that the vehicle was smoking prior to our arrival. The car was involved in a crash. Looking into a possible cause it was determined that it was probably hot radiator fluid that was steaming as it was leaking onto the motor.

A carbon monoxide investigation was the next call for Gold shift. Arriving at the multi unit complex members entered and started monitoring. At the front door 84 PPM were detected inside one unit. Moving into the apartment, levels increased to 103 PPM. Readings throughout the entire building were high and it was traced to the buildings heater. After shutting down the heating units and ventilating, levels returned to near 0 PPM.

Gold shift followed this call with another carbon monoxide call in a single family residence. The firefighters found that the owner was burning a processed log in the

fireplace where they forgot to open the damper allowing the smoke and other by-products to enter the residence.

B/C Hatcher and his crew then took in a fire alarm on the 28th in a restaurant. MCD called battalion 5 while responding and said it might be caused by construction dust. After arriving members were met by construction personnel and they were informed to cover the detectors with approved methods so as not to have any more accidental trips.

Black shift took in a Pin In call on River road on November 28th. Rosemont ambulance and Franklin Park truck 2 also responded with additional personnel and resources. Arriving Black shift was able to handle the call by themselves without the additional companies.

State Police called Schiller Park on November 30th to the toll way for a wash down. Gold shift took in the request.

December 3rd saw Gold shift and Lt. Leiser commanding the engine when they were called out to an outside gas leak. Using the Gas Trac, members found a small leak emulating from the soil in front of the residence. NICOR was notified to respond.

Lt. Swiontek and Black shift were called to the scene of a multi unit residential building for the person trapped in the elevator. Lock out and tag out were performed to ensure scene safety prior to removing the occupant from the elevator.

The first of three fires in one day happened on Gold shift on December 6th. The tones went off for a possible structure fire in a single family residence. On scene B/C Hatcher was told that the stove fire was out. The engine company investigated and found burnt food in an aluminum foil pan still in the oven. It was removed to the outside. The residence was aired out with a fan and positive pressure. Until the stove could be checked out by an appliance technician the owner was asked not to use it.

The second fire of the day was in a multi-family building. Police were evacuating the building as firefighters pulled up to the scene. Tenants said that the fire was on the second floor. A hoseline was advanced to the second floor where thick dark smoke was coming from. The truck company forced the door for the engine company and the crew crawled into the unit and toward the kitchen which was rolling with fire. The nozzle was opened and the fire darkened down. The truck company, Truck 5, moved around and began overhaul and looking for extension along with Truck 2 and Norwood Park's engine preparing a second back up line. After containment and extinguishing Schiller Park Fire Investigators Chief Chiodo, Lt. Leiser and FF/PM Bertoncini began the origin and cause fire investigation.

The next call was for a report of smoke coming from the building. Upon arrival it was located at the rear and ended up being an exhaust from the high efficiency furnace vent through a PVC pipe, no fire.

The third fire this day for Gold shift occurred late in the evening with a report of an appliance fire. On scene members found that a customer purchased a burrito and put it in the microwave cooking it way too long and catching on fire. A dry chemical extinguisher was used and the microwave was moved to the outside.

Our next fire occurred on December 8th when Red's shift was dispatched to a fire in the alley. On scene the companies found a pile of paper smoldering along the building. B/C Cesaretti spoke with the business owner near the burning papers and found that the business owner was burning and destroying his old receipts. 20 gallons of water put it out and he was told no open burning.

December 9th had engine 5 respond to a water leak in the ceiling. On scene Lt. Leiser was told that there was a leak in the ceiling that was dripping into her ceiling fan. The power was disconnected to the room and the maintenance man for the

association was called.

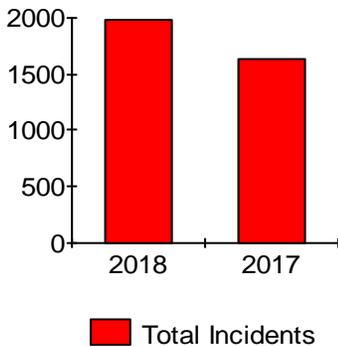
Black shift assisted Norwood park via Automatic Aid on December 10th with a structure fire. Truck 5, Chief 5 and Battalion 5 all responded. Truck 5 did overhaul in the 1 ½ story frame building with fire in the attic.

Red shift took in a call on December 11th for a child locked in the car. Engine 5 was able to gain access with no damage and reunite mom and child.

The last call for the reporting period had Lt. Budnik and his crew on the 11th next took in a carbo monoxide call. The owner stated she was cooking when the CO detector went off and she call the fire department. She said the same thing happen yesterday when she was cooking so this time she called the fire department. When members started the stove elevated CO was detected. It was shut down and the resident told to contact a repairman.

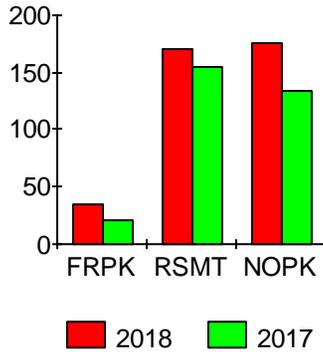
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:

Total Incidents



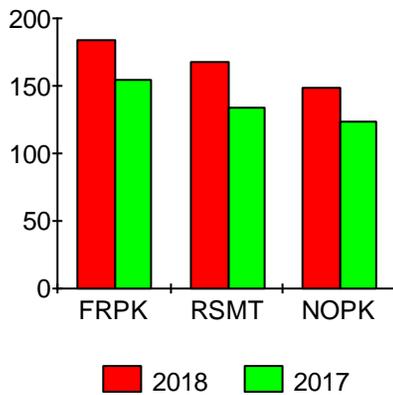
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of November 30th "To":

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of November 30th "From":

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	2160	1801

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	37	23
Norwood Park (NOPK)	189	149
Rosemont (RSMT)	179	171

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	203	167
Norwood Park (NOPK)	155	136
Rosemont (RSMT)	181	149

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission will administer the Fire Lieutenant written test on February 19th.

FF/PM Rusciorelli who broke his ankle in a car accident off duty returned to work this past month and his shift.

We would like to congratulate 4 Norwood Park firefighters. After a distinguished career Cmdr. Stan Grygiel retired this past month. Lt. Claude Erlewin was promoted to Commander, FF Schneider was promoted to Lieutenant and PM Lupo was appointed as a firefighter.

There will be no shift changes for next fiscal year. B/C Cesaretti has been instructed to start circulating the Vacation and Personnel Day calendars.

The Village Board has approved the purchase of 3 new MDT's which will replace the one that crashed in Battalion 5 and update the engine and truck. All three were 2010 and 2011 models. This should also time out less and be more secure with our data.

Toll way work continues with removal of the Oasis. They have provided us with a timetable for demolition. Most other work will cease or slow down for the Winter months.

We continue to work on our 2020 budget. A preliminary budget was shared with our staff. We will meet with the Village Manage, Finance Department and finally the Village Board to discuss, wean and come up with a final budget. We have tried to make the budget lean so that we can return to full staffing. We will know more after the 1st of the year as to the finances of the Village and the direction the Board would like us to take.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony installed 6 new batteries in Engine 5 after a load tested indicated that they were weak. This will ensure that we can start the vehicle and respond.

It was also found during this time that the starter needed to be replaced. This was done at the "shops".

Tony also found that 458 had a screw in one of the rear tires and had it patched. The vendor indicated that they do not meet DOT standards. Tony is working on replacements through Government contracts.

Lou also painted the rear overhead door red as a pilot for possibly painting and lettering the front doors. We will seek permission from the Village Manager.

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 Village Board has approved the purchase of the new Ambulance. The Ambulance committee has contacted the vendor and it will take approximately 5 months to receive.

PM Schultz has submitted his letter of resignation. He will be taking a job as a Chicago Police Officer.

We received from Loyola their stats through November. A total of 99,332 runs with anticipated total for the year of almost 102,000 runs.

It was found on Ambulance 6 that the exhaust pipe was hanging. It had rotted out. FF/PM Bertoncini was able to remove a section and place the

vehicle back in service. This is the ambulance that is slated for replacement and we did not want to invest more money in it than necessary.

We have been told that IDPH has lowered the number of continuing education hours needed for re-licensure to 100 hours for paramedics and lower for EMT's. Please remember that we fall under Loyola Medical Directors license and he will dictate the number of hours necessary over four year period.

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.

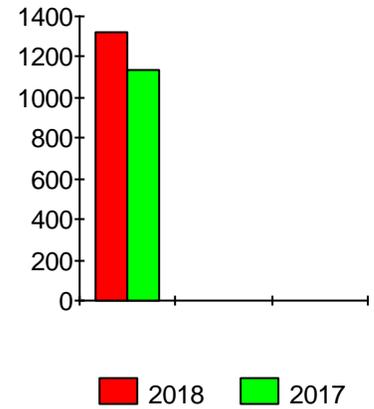
Lt. Swiontek and Donna Schmidt (Human Resources) continue to interview part time paramedics to help fill our need and void.

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 147 emergency calls. A total of 137 patients were encountered. 82 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	147	1468
ALS Transports	52	554
BLS Transports	30	330
Refusals/MPR's	28	270
Other Non-Transports	8	94
Fire Responses	29	224
CPR Students taught	3	10
Mut. Aid to SHPK	16	69
SHPK to others	5	64

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 (rear done-proto-type)
- Mount association shirts
- 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

November Trivia

The U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) designates gasoline tankers as MC (motor carrier) built to this standard. What is the current standard?

The current standard is MC 406.

Before September 1995 it was designated MC 306 and prior to 1967 the designation was MC 305.

It typically holds between 8,000 and 8,500 gallons of product.

No correct answers were submitted

December Trivia

What is the vapor density of Carbon Monoxide and what is a common myth?

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 Loch attended the Division 20 water rescue team meeting.

FF/PM Bubis completed fire investigation continuing education.

Chief Chiodo attended the Fall pension seminar.

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 con ed 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 157 hours of training for the month with 37 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	37	157	287	3873

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 P.O Jim Klug and FF/PM Bertoncini, Lt. Leiser.

Our next group of Employees are all from Public Works.

PO Klug responded to an accident involving a car and a pedestrian. Arriving on scene he noted that the victim was beginning to have severe blood loss. Using his recent training in mass casualties, he applied the appropriate tourniquet originally designed for warfare in the Mid-East and applied it to leg prior to fire department response. PO Klug was recognized by the Police Department at a Village Board meeting on December 6th

Our other nominees were the origin and cause investigators at a fire we had this past month in Schiller Park. The fire was confined to the kitchen and both investigators reconstructed the scene, interviewed and photographed the scene. The cause is still under investigation.

Members of our Public Works Department on November 29th had the task of setting up for the Senior Lunch and learn in the morning and then breaking down the event which

hosted over 150 persons, and immediately kick in into high gear to set up for the Santa Winter Wonderland. Normally the set up takes several days and working late Thursday and all day Friday were able to transform it into a Santa Wonderland.

We commend them and their dedication to Community Engagement. If you would like to participate see FF/PM Schneider or FF/PM Warden for training in this specialty.

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 over three quarters 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.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working are 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.

B/C Leiser has been temporarily helping out the fire prevention bureau and working on specific areas and topics. This has greatly relieved a burden on B/C Hatcher.

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.

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 Village of Schiller Park now has two certified car seat installers.

Recently Police Officer Jim Klug was certified and FF/PM Bubis was recertified. Appointments can be made by appointment. This should allow the public to have a certified person available most days.

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

This past month a number of retirees contacted us with their activities.

EMSD Nosek (ret.) stopped by this past month to catch up on what he is doing and what is happening here.

Chief Chiodo was at the Schiller Commons when he spotted FF Schuyler (ret.). They took a moment to do a selfie and Carl couldn't believe how long he had been retired.

While at the Schiller Park post office dropping off letters, Chief Chiodo ran into FF Murbach (ret.). Bob is enjoying retired life.

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:

A note was received from Ms. Ouland thanking the fire department for the clear presentation at the Senior Lunch and Learn and that she did indeed learn something-Close the Door during and emergency.

A thank you note from the DeSimone

family thanking the members for their support at the wake and funeral for Deputy Chief DeSimone dad. It shows the unity of the police and fire department when we need to support each other in trying times.

The Oak Park Country Club sent a thank you to our department for stepping up at the last minute to help deliver Santa Claus. They provided not only the note but an Edible arrangement.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance meeting was held and members voted on the purchase of several items for the firehouse. Items included some upgrades to the kitchen, a vacuum cleaner and a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) bag for emergency operations.

Emergency Mgmt.

As reported above authorization was given to upgrade and replace 3 MDT's/ for our fire apparatus.

A write in vote from Foreign Fire Insurance also authorized replacement batteries for everyone from this fund for their portable radios.

We have distributed updated pharmaceutical list. These are to be turned in for emergency responders and their families. We last updated several years ago and family members and lives have changed. Please turn in to either Lt. Swiontek or B/C Leiser.

Association News

The Association is beginning to work with the Operation North Pole. B/C Leiser and FF/PM Miletta are spearheading the project.

The Association will also be hosting the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walgreens December 19-21, please be generous.

Santa will be delivered to the schools in a fire truck to aid the fraternal order of police December 20th.

And Finally...

Sometimes the only way to ever find is to get completely lost. yourself

Deadlines

he 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 .

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Page 12- Members of the Schiller Park Fire Department pose with Santa