

Booster Line

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Our Mission Statement-

We, the Members of the Schiller park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services.

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 an outdoor gas leak was responded to by Black shift. Arriving they found that a connection to the gas meter was leaking natural gas and NICOR was called.

A call to the toll way on the 17th had an accident whereby the car hit the concrete wall with major damage and air bag deployment. Black shift secured the scene and treated the driver.

Red shift on the 18th had an automatic fire alarm in an apartment building followed by a call saying they smelled smoke. The fire investigation team found the smell strongest on the third floor. A young girl answered and stated her sister burnt a sandwich and that they opened the door to let the smoke out and it triggered the alarm. Members checked and found the burnt sandwich and the area was ventilated.

Next Red shift took in a request for a person stuck in the elevator. FF/PM Bubis, acting officer, tagged out/locked out the elevator and was able to gain access to the stricken elevator.

After picking up from the elevator rescue call, dispatch sent the engine to a gas leak outside. Engine 5 found a worker standing outside a hole he

was digging and admit that he hit a gas line. Members could hear the hiss of the escaping gas from the hole and called NICOR. When NICOR arrived they capped the pipe.

November 19th had a Change of Quarters response when Bensenville had a working structure fire. Battalion 5 moved up to the Change Quarters with Lt. Leiser at the helm.

A trouble alarm, on the Chief's Birthday, November 21st, had members of engine 5 find the alarm transmission due to water leaking from the ceiling into the panel. The building manager was notified for all necessary repairs.

Lt. Leiser, on November 22nd, the on duty fire investigator responded to Maywood for a fire investigators Box Alarm. He first went to Franklin Park to pick up FU-1, the vehicle with the investigators tools. He assisted in origin and cause when he arrived.

November 26th had Gold shift respond to the toll way for a semi-truck and SUV collision. After securing the scene treatment of the drivers progressed.

After shift change Black shift responded to a townhouse with a carbon monoxide alarm going off. Entering the home 110 ppm were recorded. Further readings on our monitors raised the levels to 130 ppm. Interviewing the resident they informed the crew that they just bought a new stove. When the stove was turned by ON, the levels of CO rose significantly. The owner was advised not to use until it could be inspected or serviced.

Red shift Engine 5 with Acting Officer Bubis, responded to wires down. At the location they found a tree tumbled onto the wires and brought them down. Com Ed was contacted to respond and the two houses occupants were told to stay inside and out of the backyards.

November 29th had Black shift respond to the expressway for an accident with injuries. This involved three cars with one having smoke

and fire coming from under the hood. A truck driver had also pulled over and used his fire extinguisher. One person was transported to a Level I Trauma center, Lutheran General.

An automatic fire alarm on December 3rd had Gold shift respond. When they arrived at the apartment building they found two persons who were carrying large boxes up the stairs and they accidentally knocked a dry chemical extinguisher off the wall discharging some of the contents and setting off the alarm. B/C Hatcher advised that the extinguisher bracket needed to be re-attached and the extinguisher re-charged.

Shortly after returning to quarters Schiller park was dispatched back to the previous location for a fire alarm. This time they found a cleaning lady vacuuming the dry chemical powder from the previous incident aerosolized and set off the fire alarm again.

Later in the shift a working fire in Leyden had them request a Change Quarter company. Truck 5 and battalion 5 were the change quarter companies.

December 6th saw another Change Quarters to Leyden when Leyden responded to a garage fire with a fatality. Chief Chiodo responded to the garage fire and was assigned a sector.

A third alarm fire in Bellwood on December 8th had Engine 5 respond to the scene on the 3-11. Chief Chiodo who was also due on the Box Alarm assisted. The building with residences over stores measured 75 X 100. A partial collapse of the building chased firefighters out and we went defensive. One firefighter (not from Schiller Park was hurt and released later in the evening. FF/PM Schneider, FF/PM Zydlo, FF/PM Loch and FF/PM Miletta manned a 2 ½ inch line for over an hour. (see photos)

Black shift took in a serious accident and fatality on December 13th when they responded to the toll way. A stranded motorist on the left shoulder

had the driver try to run across four lanes of traffic. Unfortunately she did not make it as she was hit in the last lane after crossing three lanes. Member tried to make a valiant effort to save her.

Members took in an ambulance call for the gunshot wound to the head. Members worked the elderly person diligently and transported in critical condition to the hospital.

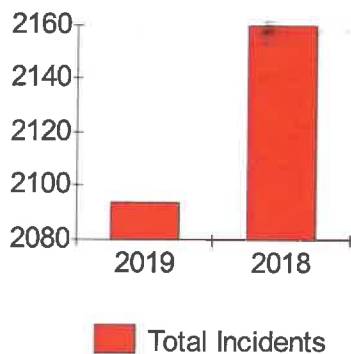
December 14th also saw a report of someone involved in a shooting at a motel. On scene it was determined that he had not been shot but was very scared and asked paramedics to do a quick survey to make sure he was not hit. Police took him into custody.

A residential lock out on the 15th had Red shift help a resident who locked themselves out and needed medication. Schiller park Police verified identity and entry was gained.

Our last call for the reporting period comes as Red shift was then sent Auto Aid to Norwood Park for a garage fire. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were to check for fire extension followed by overhaul in the "D" sector.

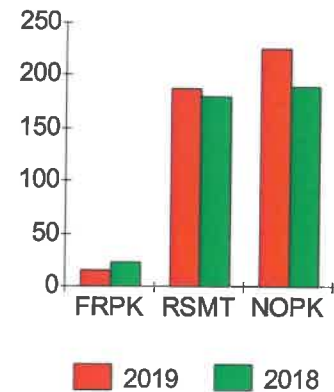
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2018:

Total Incidents



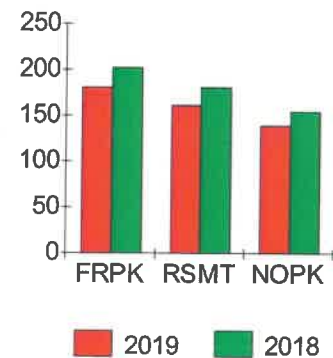
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of November 30th "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	2,094	2,160

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	15	23
Norwood Park (NOPK)	225	189
Rosemont (RSMT)	188	179

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	181	203
Norwood Park (NOPK)	139	155
Rosemont (RSMT)	160	181

I Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The McGrath Group whom were hired by the Village to assess the Fire Department continues to work on its report. We hope to see a draft copy by late January.

The Village is implementing a new phone system. There have been a few snafus causing delays. We hope to have it operational by the end of January.

FF/PM Cwynar graduated from the NIPSTA fire academy. He has returned to shift and is ready for fire and EMS calls and completing probation.

The Division has adopted a new Water Rescue Box Card 3000. NORCOMM will add this to the Division specialty cards. This was developed in conjunction with the Technical Rescue Water team.

Our latest pension numbers indicate that the Schiller Park Fire Department is funded at 56%.

New shift assignments have been posted for 2021 Fiscal Year. Shortly after January 1st the Vacation and Personnel Day calendars will be rotating.

The 2020 General Orders will go into effect January 1, 2020. There are some significant changes which have been vetted by all the Officers. You will be held accountable to all the new changes and Orders.

We are reviewing Chapter 32 of the Millennium code dealing with the fire department and job descriptions.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony Califati has worked diligently on preventive maintenance and keeping our vehicles in service and a

multitude of other projects for the fire department.

Tony made repairs to Engine 6 (453) by repairing the primer which had been pulled out. We then sent it out to Carol Stream for a stalling problem. It has since returned.

He also replaced the radiator hose on engine 5 (455) this past month.

While doing the monthly preventive maintenance on all the vehicles the Q siren on engine 5 which was sent out for repair was re-installed.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

All of the sewer lines have been rodded out.

Our SCBA technicians are working on the calibration and testing of all our air packs. The posi-check was sent out for repair and is an integral part of the testing process.

Members also repositioned several items on the apparatus floor to accommodate on the west wall the new high lift.

Our Water Department worked on replacing masonry work on the west wall that had deteriorated. (see photos)

Lastly, we have completed all of our in-house ladder testing. This saves the Village several hundred dollars by firefighters doing these tests.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

First off our mechanic Tony assisted in keeping our ambulance fleet going by installing a new light timer in the rear of ambulance 6 (463). This was followed by the replacement of the kussmaul auto-eject for power.

Construction has begun at Gottlieb in the ER area. Please be aware of the routing and barricades on scene.

We have also been notified by the IDPH that we need to have all public

and private AED's in town registered with the dispatch center, MCD. Lt. Swiontek is drafting a letter which will be mailed out to all the businesses and schools in town.

Lt. Swiontek and HR Director Donna Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

We are winding down with the EMT students from Triton and expect paramedic students to start their internships and riding in January.

Loyola has updated their website with new versions of forms including drug exchange, ambulance inspection, non-transport vehicle inspection and controlled substance inventory.

Loyola has also made available on its website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

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

During the past month personnel responded to 124 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 72 patients were transported to area hospitals.

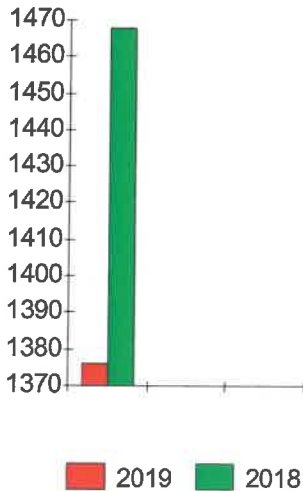
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	124	1376
ALS Transports	40	490
BLS Transports	32	313
Refusals/MPR's	27	289
Other Non-Transports	3	53
Fire Responses	22	251
CPR Students taught	0	107
Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	6	64
SHPK to others	5	64



-new water hose reel on apparatus floor



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? –

- Screen overhead doors
- Epoxy floor
- _New Great Room floor
- Paint red and letter front overhead doors.
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- Receive Division 20 assets
- Heavy Rescue

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

November Trivia

Why is fire hot? (technical answers only)

Because the conversion of the weak double bond in molecular oxygen, O₂, to the stronger bonds in the combustion products carbon dioxide and water releases energy (418 kJ per 32 g of O₂)

One correct answer was received by Chief Belmonte (ret. Westchester).

December Trivia

Fires start when a flammable or a combustible material, in combination with a sufficient quantity of an oxidizer such as oxygen gas or another oxygen-rich compound is exposed to what?

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.

Members participated in the Illinois Fire Service Institute Residential Building Operations class in Franklin Park.

Members also participated in the natural Gas fuel truck class provided by Groot.

The two above classes were at no cost to the Village.

FF/PM Cwynar graduated from the Fire Academy on December 13th.

Team members also attended Specialty Team training in Fire Investigation, Drone Piloting, Honor Guard, Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue.

Chief Adams from Westchester is re-vamping the Drone program and has taken over as the Division 20 Chief.

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 282 hours of training for the month with 24 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	24	282	269	3480
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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 PW Mark Mukahirn.

Marks skill as a mason has saved the Village tens of thousands of dollars as he helped with the Irving Park viaduct repair.

Capitalizing on that skill we asked him the best way to repair our west cinder block wall which was crumbling. With his skill and knowledge he was able to cut out the

area and insert new blocks and made the wall new again and flawless.

Again this has saved the Village and the Fire Department several hundred dollars in our budget for the mere cost of the cinder blocks (under \$30 in material).



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 the 4th Quarter of calendar year 2019 with their inspections. These included the vacant buildings that are put off til the end of the year. 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.

If there are any business license inquires, they should go through Dee at Community Development. They should not be going to the front office staff. All business license issues will be handled by Community Development.

We will be looking into have businesses over 10,000 square feet number their exit/entrance doors similar to the markings the schools have. We will implement this at the beginning of the calendar year with the new inspection cycle.

The Village code will be amended by the Village Board to adopt stortz connections as the only fire department connection.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes.

We are proposing a fee for Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections conducted by B/C Hatcher.

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.

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.

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.

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

This past month members of our department participated by attending the Veterans Day concert at Lincoln School.

Gold shift also tended the fire during the Village Winter Wonderland on December 7th. Special thanks also go out to Black shift who helped set up.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town. We also offer car seat installations. Both these programs are administered by FF/PM Bubis and appointments are necessary for planning and materials.

Please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

Retiree Row

We have heard from several of our retirees this past month.

Chief Inspector James Swierczynski (ret.) has relocated to Sunny Florida. We hope he continues to send warm wishes and Sunshine our way.

B/C Leiser still stops by often and promises he'll bring bagels or donuts like his predecessor Lt. Kwiat (dec. ret.) did.

Members got to see Barbara Jordan (wife of FF Don Jordan (dec. ret.)) at the retirement of her son Andy from our Police Department this past month.

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.

Letters and Notes

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

The 100 Club, who our Association sponsored as our charity this year, sent a thank you for our service and dedication to the community.

We also received a Thanksgiving meal and poem from Geri kay at Grace Condos.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance met and authorized purchase of items including kitchen chairs, storage cases, cleaning machine, exercise equipment and nutritional items amongst others.

Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand is preparing possibilities for the next AFG grant period.

He continues to work with Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security. He also attended the professional development for Emergency Management seminar in Lombard.

Lt. Niemand also continues to monitor all employees for compliance with NIMS and pharmaceuticals.

Association News

The Firefighters Association held its Christmas party on December 1st with a visit from Santa.

Members from Black shift also participated in Operation North Pole in Rosemont.

And Finally...

To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater.

Deadlines

The Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

Page 7- Chief Chiodo FF/PM Schneider, FF/PM Miletta, FF/PM Zydlo and FF/PM Loch all help Bellwood fight a 3-11 Alarm fire December 8th.

Page 8- The new brick work installed in the firehouse along the west wall.





