

Booster Line

Proudly Serving Since 1925

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 January 18th when an automatic fire alarm in a multi-family building had a fire department response. The fire investigative team on Gold shift, entered and found an odor of something burning. Continuing their search they located a unit where the tenant informed the crew of burnt food.

January 22nd saw Black shift take in a call on the toll way for a motor vehicle accident. The car was roughly 20 feet from the right shoulder and in a ditch. Members removed the patient from the car and treated before transporting to Elmhurst hospital.

After picking up from this call, located south of North Avenue, Black shift was dispatched northbound for another vehicle accident. The accident was at Plaza 32 and the person was transported to Resurrection.

Red shift on the 23rd was dispatched to a well-being check. Schiller Park Police were already on scene. Members walked the perimeter looking for non-destructive entry. Finding no means of entry, Engine 5 used the "W" tool to force the front door. Police entered and found occupants on second floor not needing any medical attention. Their

daughter had consented to the forcible entry because she had not heard from her parents.

January 26th had Red shift respond to Mannheim and Irving for an accident involving a pedestrian. Members worked the scene and the patient before Loyola Medical center pronounced the patient as a fatality.

Gold shift was dispatched to a rarity in Schiller Park, a gunshot victim. On scene members found the patient losing a lot of blood and two additional firefighter/paramedics accompanied the ambulance crew to Lutheran General hospital, a Level I trauma center.

After returning to quarters, Gold shift was sent to a call at the boat launch for a medical call. Because of the previous call and no second ambulance in Schiller Park available, Engine 5 requested an ambulance from River Grove who took over treatment and transported.

FF/PM Bubis, the Acting Officer on January 30th, took in a call with Engine 5 for a child locked in a car. After Schiller Park Police verified the owner and signed a waiver, fire department personnel made entry and re-united child and mother.

February 4th next had Black shift take in a fire alarm. The fire investigative team found the alarm was set off because the wash machine was overloaded which created smoke and set off the detector.

The last call for the reporting period was a carbon monoxide alarm on February 13th. Red shift responded with Lt. Niemand at the helm. Occupants said they were feeling slightly dizzy. Initial readings indicated 40 ppm. Only the stove and furnace were on and the gas was shut off to both. NICOR was contacted and the townhouse ventilated. The tenants were also advised to contact the landlord and Engine 5 notified Community Development for follow up.

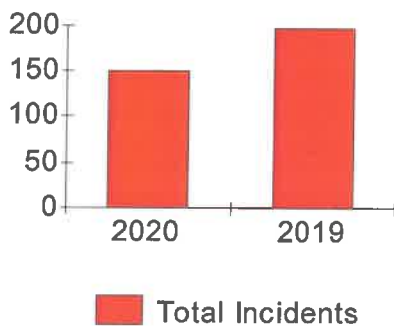
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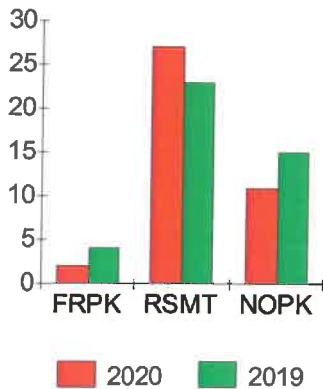
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Total Incidents



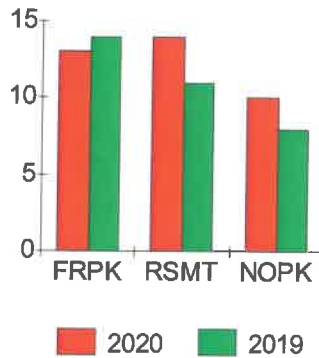
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of January 31st "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2020	2019
Total Incidents	150	198

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	2	4
Norwood Park (NOPK)	11	15
Rosemont (RSMT)	27	23

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	13	14
Norwood Park (NOPK)	10	8
Rosemont (RSMT)	14	11

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

This past month Department Secretary Teri Roth lost her mother after a long illness. Madlyn Peterson died at her home. A memorial service will be held by the family this Summer. Our prayers and thoughts are with Teri and her family.

Former long time Paramedic (Part-time) Jim Davis also lost his mother, Sandy Davis, this past month. Jim was our longest serving part time paramedic. Jim is currently a Lieutenant on the Chicago Fire Department. Jim was a loyal employee who also taught many of

our paramedics. May you mom rest in peace.

I also learned this past month that Jimmy "Z" Ziebka was taken to the hospital after a fall and a dislocated shoulder. While there at the hospital Jimmy "died" three times while they were implanting a pacemaker. Jimmy was able to be revived and has returned home where I visited him (see photo). He is now recuperating.

Our congratulations to Detective Billy Martin (SPPD) who retired after 25 years with the Village of Schiller Park. Billy was a very good friend to the fire department.

The Village has chosen to discontinue the Health Reimbursement Program after the 2020 fiscal year.

Our Village Risk Insurance carrier, Illinois Public Risk Fund, has provided the Village with a new Medical Authorization form. These have been distributed to all departments within the Village. This allows them to obtain information for potential claims.

The Police and Fire Commission have begun the testing process for firefighter/paramedic. Our current list expires in April. The deadline for submitting applications was February 3rd with 35 applicants turning in their paperwork. The written exam and orientation were held on February 15th with 28 applicants taking the exam. The results were not available at press time. The Orals will be held in March tentatively.

Mayor Caiafa appointed Mr. Nick Irsuto as a Commissioner to the Fire and Police Commission at the February 6th Village Board meeting. Prior to the testing on the 15th Mr. Glen Rawski, Chairperson of the Fire and Police Commission, swore in Mr. Irsuto. Mr. Irsuto took over the spot vacated when Mr. Robert Bauer resigned after moving to Arizona.

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 February.

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 February.

IDOT has indicated that they will be working on widening Irving Park from the toll way to 25th sometime this Summer. They also plan on re-surfacing River road through town and Lawrence Avenue.

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.

Engine 5 (455) had a tire leak that required Wentworth Tire to come out and repair. While they were here we also found an inner tire on Engine 6 (453) flat and nearly off the rim. This too was repaired.

Tony also worked on 458 when through preventive maintenance, the stabilizer links were noted and were replaced.

Tony also had to change the valve stem on Battalion 5 (451) this past

month.

Within the firehouse several appliances needed attention. After obtaining the parts members repaired the clothes dryer on the second floor. It was also necessary to replace the dishwasher in the kitchen. Both appliances are high volume and in use continuously with 8-12 members here everyday.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

With the outbreak of the corona virus. Loyola Medical system has been updating the department on protocols and issuing memos. We are all monitoring events and forwarding to the Officers all pertinent information from Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Please use all PPE when necessary or in doubt. It may get worse before it gets better.

We have also talked to Municipal Dispatch Center (MCD) about being license through IDPH. Schiller Park is currently in Loyola's Medical system and Norwood Park is in Lutheran General's system. The licensing clarification from IDPH was that the dispatch center only needs to be licensed through one medical system. Since MCD has been licensed initially with Lutheran General, it satisfies the requirements for Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD).

It has been noted that the three "public" (non-Fire department) AED's are about to expire. A grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund will be used to replace these and also to add an additional two. The additional two will be added to the Village Hall (upstairs) and the Police Department. FF/PM Bubis with coordinate with Lt. Swiontek and Commodore Bursiek to train Village employees.

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.

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.

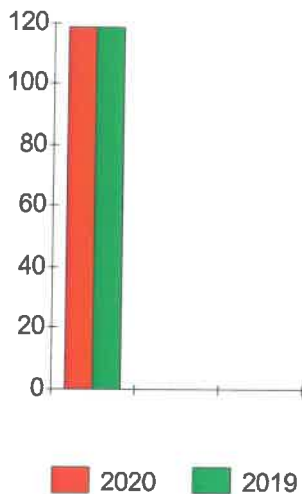
When exchanging/retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check/ verify the dosages. With different manufactures & packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 119 emergency calls. A total of 117 patients were encountered. 69 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	119	119
ALS Transports	33	33
BLS Transports	36	36
Refusals/MPR's	31	31
Other Non-Transports	4	4
Fire Responses	15	15
CPR Students taught	5	5
Car Seats Installed	0	0
Mut. Aid to SHPK	6	6
SHPK to others	6	6



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? –

- New Life pak
- New Mobile Data terminals
- dispose of outdated (NFPA 10 year rule) bunker gear
- dispose of engine 453
- 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

-new water hose reel on apparatus floor



Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

January Trivia

Some fuel-oxygen mixes may require what?

Answer: A catalyst, a substance that is not consumed, when added, in any chemical reaction during combustion, but which enables the reactants to combust more readily.

No answers were submitted.

February Trivia

When was the first heavy rescue company in the United States organized?

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 Linehan attended a forcible entry class in Dolton through the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).

Firefighters who are lead fire inspectors also participated in the DACRA training in prospering writing tickets and citations for non-compliance of violations.

As the fire service continues to monitor itself and take more responsibility for our actions on the fireground and in the firehouse, 16 Initiatives were developed. Part of the program is for all members to take a course and have continued education in safety. This year our members participated in the Courage to Be Safe program.

Black shift also did automatic aid training with Norwood Park on extrication. This is one of the requirements that the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) looks for in grading fire departments.

Word has filtered out of Triton College that they plan on building a fire training tower this summer. We will monitor with Triton Fire Science Chairman Bill Justice. Our older outdated (NFPA 10 year) gear may be donated to their fire science program.

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 177 hours of training for the month with 16 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	16	177	16	177
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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 Profile

This month we profile Battalion Chief Jerry Budnik.



B/C Budnik began his career in September of 1993. He is assigned Badge number 32. As the Village of Schiller Park began to explore cross training personnel (we were still two departments-Fire and Emergency Medical Services), Jerry was to become the first Firefighter/Paramedic. Jerry attended EMT-B classes and then went through the Northwest Community Paramedic program.

B/C Budnik has worked in his career as a fire inspector, engineer and worked toward his Fire Officer certifications.

B/C Budnik was tapped by the Village to work in the former Housing Department as an inspector and after being named Community Development his organizational skills had him appointed as the Housing Coordinator.

Jerry was promoted to Lieutenant after placing number 1 on the list and with his fire department organizational skills was assigned Logistics for the fire department. He has created all our databases for hydrants, gear, hose, pump testing, ladder testing, and maintenance records. He has also been responsible for the vehicles, design and build, upkeep of the firehouse structure and all plant operations.

B/C Budnik has chaired the committees that designed Truck 5 and also chairs the committee for our next Engine 456.

In 2019 with an opening for a Battalion Chief, Jerry submitted his resume for the assignment and was selected by Chief Chiodo to fill this role.

B/C Budnik is assigned to Black shift where he oversees the 10 personnel there.

On the home front Jerry is dedicated to his three children and as a role model to them has one son in the fire science program and attending paramedic school.



Thanks for your time and dedication, you make us proud to be firefighters and in the fire service and village employees.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts have begun the 1st Quarter of calendar year 2020 with their 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.

The rotation for 2020 has taken place and the shifts have begun the next round.

The Village has passed a new Ordinance allowing the fire department to recoup the costs of the fire prevention bureau and time that B/C Hatcher puts in. The rate of return is \$100 per hour. Dee Casey will coordinate the billing from Community Development.

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.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes. We have contacted Code writers to help advise and review. We are looking to have the Village adopt the 2018 International Codes to be effective May 1, 2020.

A bag has been placed in the vehicles for inspectors when checking Knox Boxes. Inside the bag will be tags to identify keys, marker and Red rubber boots (indicating the Main Key to enter the premises). See Memo from the FPB in the Pass On book.

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

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 and Former Employees

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

Cmdr. Dan Maher (ret.) now working with Community Development as an inspector has welcomed a former Schiller Park firefighter Greg Cook to Community Development as an inspector.

Greg was a firefighter/paramedic here for four years before leaving in 2006 and becoming a Chicago Firefighter.

While Greg was employed here as a firefighter, he was a housing inspector. Greg also has inspector experience from his days in Long Grove.

Welcome back Greg!

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:

A note from Chief Belmonte (WECH ret.) suggesting that an improvement to the Booster Line would be to use right justify in the columns. I had never realized that in the past 25 years and have incorporated that improvement into this issue. Thanks Chief!

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.

Stork Report

It has come to our attention that one of our firefighter/paramedics Nick Santiago and his wife are expecting a baby due this March. We wish them well as this will be the Santiago's first baby.

Emergency Mgmt.

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

He has met with several sprinkler system companies to evaluate the building and the needs. When he has a cost we will consider the Village portion for the grant to see if this is feasible.

Adam is also working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Small Tool Grant program. Here we are applying for a grant for new Life Pak's.

Lt. Niemand has also been granted administrative permissions with Black Board Connect, our Mass Notification system.

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.



Pension News

The pension board has set dates for 2020 meetings. These include February 20, May 21, August 20 and November 19th all at 10:00 AM. The Illinois pension consolidation will impact our fund stay tuned for more info.

And Finally...

Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning.

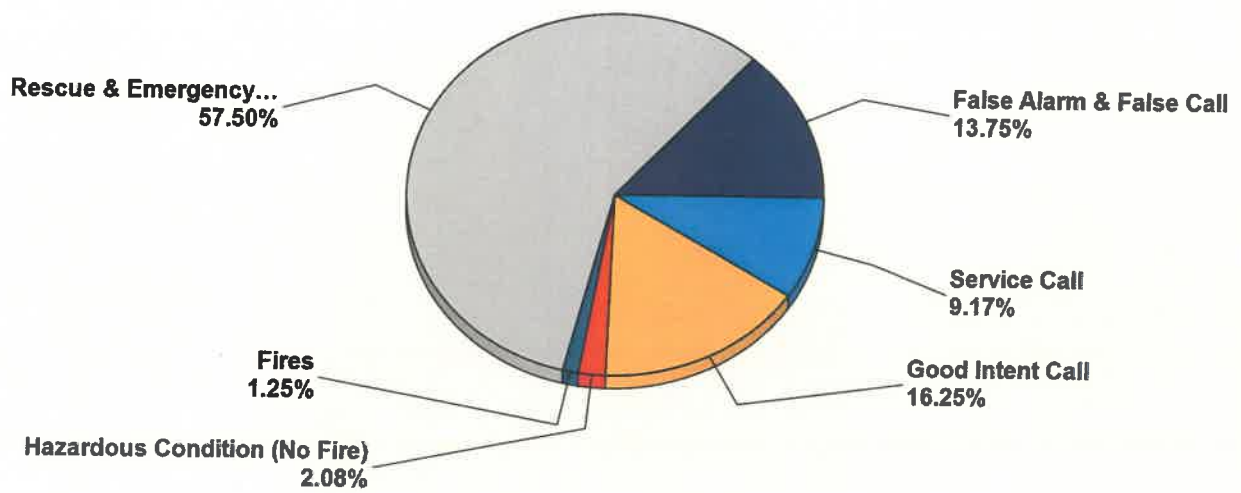
Deadlines

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 Chief and Jimmy "Z" Ziebka take a selfie during a visit while recuperating.

Page 8- Our Run Breakdown





MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	3	1.25%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	138	57.50%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	2.08%
Service Call	22	9.17%
Good Intent Call	39	16.25%
False Alarm & False Call	33	13.75%
TOTAL	240	100.00%