

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.

Our issue begins on August 15th when a report of a possible fire was called in by a husband who was at work. Upon arrival Red shift had light smoke showing. Entry was made by members who found a clothes dryer fire that was extinguished by the Engine Company with their “pump can”. The gas was shut off and the unit dragged to the exterior of the building. Members then using the thermal imaging camera noted the wall was still hot and the truck company opened it up checking for extension of the fire

August 16th began for Gold shift when a tow truck pulled up on the ramp and used the emergency phone for an ambulance. He had towed a car from an accident on the toll way and now the two passengers riding with him wanted an ambulance as they were experiencing chest pain. Both persons were transported.

As has happened in the past, later in the day Lt. Budnik took his engine for the report of smoke from a roof. Based on the address and history only an engine responded. As per the past it was a factory in town that smokes cheese and this is a normal part of their operations.

Lt. Hatcher and the crew were dispatched on August 17th for a motor vehicle accident. The accident involved a car and a motorcycle. Medical care was rendered and a transport made.

Red shifts Fire Investigator on Call, FF/PM Leiser took in a call on August 18th to River Grove for the house fire. He was part of the Box Alarm response.

Gold shift took in a water flow alarm at a hotel on August 19th. The annunciator panel indicated it was near the pool area. The fire investigative team located outside the sauna a sprinkler head that was fused open. FF/PM Bubis got on a ladder and attempted to slow the flow after the system was shut down.

The next day, 20th, the Black shift investigator was requested in Northlake for a working fire. Cmdr. Leiser in battalion 5 took in the call to aid in the origin and cause of the fire.

A despondent person on August 23rd took a bottle of pills. After swallowing them they called 9-1-1. Gold shift showed up and transported the patient along with a third paramedic assisting the crew.

Prior to the shift ending, Gold shift was dispatched to an overturned vehicle (see accompanying photos). The car was t-boned and on its side being propped up by a utility pole. One driver was transported.

Black shift took over “watch” in Schiller Park and was soon Stilled out to a fire in the park. FF/PM Schneider in charge of the engine found a garbage can had been lit up. The trash line was used to wash down the area after extinguishment.

August 26th saw a patron at a gas station suddenly have the pump dispenser hose break away and fuel pouring out all over. The service agent hit the emergency pump shut off switch and called the fire department. Black shift responded and using an emulsifier and 200 gallons of water secured the scene.

A resident who wears a Life Alert button accidentally activated it on August 27th sending Red shift to check on them. All was good and the alarm was reset.

Rosemont requested automatic aid on August 29th for a fire in their new Outlet Mall. Their members found a small fire in one of the eateries in the food court area.

Red shift responded to a camper on fire on the I-294 toll way. When the engine arrived they found a previously burned out camper being towed on a semi-trailer flatbed. The driver said that as he was driving on 294, he saw smoke from the flatbed and pulled over. The smoke was the result of smoldering material that was coming from the camper. We used an additional 50 gallons of water to douse the area.

Septembers runs started for another call on the toll way and a car fire. Members got to the oasis and found a State Trooper inform them that it was actually a car that hit a utility pole near I-290 and drove here where they abandoned the auto.

Gold shifts next call was from a person who reported smoke coming out of the basement next to a gas service station. Arriving on scene the fire investigative team found that a tenant working on his car behind the building had started it and the water in the fuel created white smoke.

Shift change and another car fire. This fire was on Mannheim near Irving. The fire was under the hood and extended into the passenger compartment. Engine 5 pulled one line while Squad 5 gained access to the engine compartment.

Another car fire later in the day again had Black shift respond. Battalion 5 found smoke emulating from the cars engine compartment. Squad 5 forced open the hood and the line that Engine Co. 5 pulled put out the fire.

September 3rd and a trucker hauling steel to a manufacturing plant in town had the load shift. As a result he lost his load. (see accompanying photos). The metal landed on a hydrant and several cars.

A rubbish fire on September 6th had Gold shift use the booster tank to extinguish the couch on fire in the rear of the vacant lot. Approximately 100 gallons were used by Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Farias and FF/PM Schneider.

Before shift concluded a bike versus a car accident on Irving had members

arrive and transport the person on the bike.

During rush hour September 7th, a motorist on their way to work lost control of the car and slammed into the concrete barrier wall on I-294. The air bags were deployed and a third paramedic was sent with the primary crew to the hospital.

Lt. Cesaretti took over on September 7th when red shift responded to a hotel for an automatic fire alarm. Upon arrival a reception was being held with a disc jockey who had a smoke machine going. The machine set off the fire alarm.

During the Village Car Show September 8th, dispatch toned out a call for a person on a mini bike who struck a tree. Members showed up to find a very bad situation with major trauma and CPR being performed. An extra firefighter/paramedic was used in the transport and care of the person on the way to the hospital.

Gold shift responded to a Box Alarm in Stone Park on September 9th. This call was for a car versus a school bus. EMSD Nosek and PM Ostrand responded to the multiple ambulance/patient incident.

September 10th was a busy tour of duty day for Black shift. They started off in the morning with a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm in Bensenville. Cmdr. Leiser and FF/PM Hudecek both on-duty Hazardous Material technicians responded to the scene. FF/PM Hudecek suited up and was one of entry team members into the hot zone.

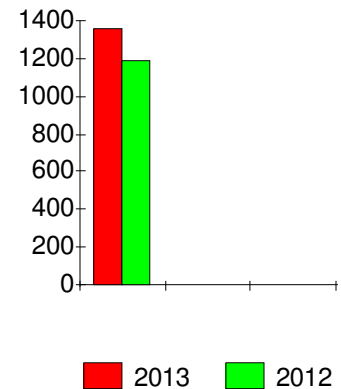
A fire after midnight in Franklin Park had Schiller Park Battalion 5 and Tower Ladder 5 respond. Battalion 5 took command of sector C and the truck worked on gaining entry to the rear of the building. Once the back door was accessed the truck worked with Engine 1.

The last call of the reporting period had Black shift take in brush fire on Sexton Pond/landfill. Engine 5 led out 600 feet of 4 inch hose and began the attack. Incident Command called for

additional support which came in the form of an engine from Bensenville and Humvees from Stone Park and Broadview. Approximately 75% of the property burned. Tower Ladder 5 set up its big gun and also went to work off Denley.

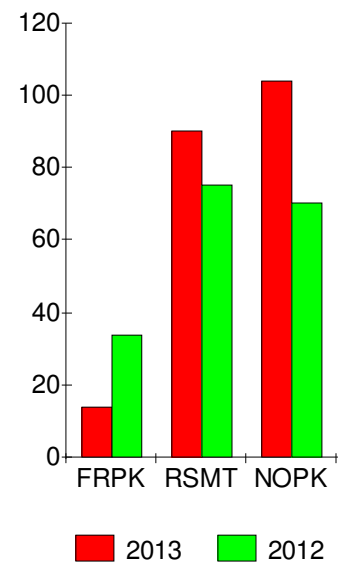
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2012:

Total Incidents



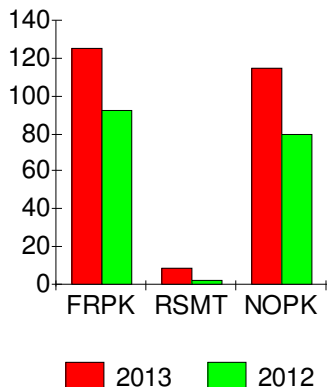
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of August 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Incidents	1356	1185

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	14	34
Norwood Park (NOPK)	104	70
Rosemont (RSMT)	90	75

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	125	92
Norwood Park (NOPK)	115	80
Rosemont (RSMT)	9	2

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Warden injured herself while in the Vehicle Machinery Operations class. She cut her hand and ligament requiring surgery. She has been coming in on light duty where she is working with the Maintenance, Training and Public Relations Bureaus. She hopes to be back to full shift duty in eight to twelve weeks.

The Village is now using Midwest Central Dispatch to monitor alarms. This should cut down on false calls

and require fewer dispatches to Trouble Alarms.

The week prior to our 9/11 Remembrance the granite adhering to one side of our monument became dislodged and shattered. With quick action the company that donated the material Euro Marble, came out and replaced the broken piece in time for our remembrance. The 9/11 Remembrance was attended by nearly 100 people with guest speakers including Mayor Piltaver, Chief Brzezniak, Rev. Schultz and Director Deegan (see accompanying photos).

Members of the fire department also participated in the Village Car Show on the 8th. The Association worked their booth selling t-shirts, water, soda and nachos. The fire department also had their Tower Ladder, Ambulance, MABAS Haz Mat and MABAS Decon units in the Touch A Truck section.

The Village is also working on preventative health care by offering flu shots for employees. Consult with EMSD Nosek for the dates and status.

The Village has also issued new employee identification cards and new Police and Fire Commission cards. These are your official documents. If they become lost or stolen please remember to fill out a police report.

Stone Park has decided to renumber their vehicles and station effective October 1st. They will take the number 21 and be Station 21 and corresponding vehicles i.e. Engine 21, Ambulance 21. Their spare engine will take on Engine 22.

Our congratulations to Fr. Rob Schultz, our chaplain, on completing the Chicago Triathlon on August 25th (see accompanying photo).

October 26th is the next date that the Schiller Park Police and Fire Departments will be partnering with the DEA for a Prescription Pill Take Back Day. The collection point will be the rear of the firehouse from 10-2.

The Village had its Employee Appreciation Party on Saturday August 24th at the Village Pool. All members and their families splashed around and were treated to tasty bites from pizza to snacks from the concession bar. Recreation Director Bealer and his staff promised warm water and good weather and they delivered.

Our congratulations to River Grove on acquiring a "new" engine. Their older ones finally gave out. The replacement engine is ex-Schaumburg Engine 4 which is a 1999 E-One. (see photos). Elmwood Park has placed an order for a new Pierce Dash PUC pumper with 1500 gpm pump, 500 gallon tank, 450 hp Cummins diesel and compressed foam. When delivered we will try to get a photo. Also Leyden has taken possession of a new ambulance with a red paint scheme. We hope to have a photo for our next issue.

We also would like to share with our readers that FF/PM Santiago has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves. Nick will be shipped out to San Diego in the beginning of November for 9 months of training. We appreciate the sacrifice that he is making to serve his country and every one of us. Nick is the second member of our department serving in the military. It is rumored that FF/PM Solana may be deployed again shortly. To Nick, Semper Fi.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has given final approval for the Elgin-O'Hare western access project. Part of the project will also be the ring road by-pass for the toll way. The project and infra structure will start shortly.

IDOT has approved funding for the widening of Mannheim from Irving north to the Kennedy. Work has already begun. Eventually a southbound ramp from Mannheim to Balmoral will be added for access to southbound I-294. Later this summer the Balmoral bridge over I-294 northbound will be re-built after a dump truck had its trailer unexpectedly rise and crash into the bridge doing extensive damage.

We are looking at getting voluntary compliance with numbering or lettering the stairways in our multi-story buildings. This would aid residents and firefighters in identifying the fire attack and evacuation stairways.

Another project is to identify which elevators our stretchers can be fit in by placing a Star of Life on the elevator(s) that we can get our stretcher into. A blue bar under the Star of Life will indicate that the stretcher can be fully vertical in the elevator.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

Items worked on and happenings around the firehouse this month include:

FF/PM Bertocini repaired one of our SCBA bottles that had a broken gauge. The bottle is now back in service.

Lt. Budnik purchased a new filter for our Cutter Edge saw. The storage of the saw with fuel fumes may have eaten away at the foam filter. The saw is back operationally.

Our rotary saw also had its trigger mechanism replaced after it was found to be non-operative. FF/PM Swiontek installed the new part.

Lt. Budnik has also contracted with a

new overhead door company. The new company is significantly cheaper than the old company. They recently came out and overhauled all of our doors and made necessary repairs and upgrades. The cost savings from our previous company was nearly 60%.

We brought in to Air One the Alt Air monitor from Engine 5 for calibration. The unit from the buggy was temporarily moved to the engine to provide a monitor on that vehicle.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Ambulance 6 (462) had our mechanic replace the batteries this past month when the vehicle would not start on two occasions.

On a routine daily maintenance check, it was found that the oxygen gauge on Ambulance 5 was broke and stuck. EMSD Nosek replaced the unit and it is back in service.

EMSD Nosek is working with the Health Board on securing flu shots as preventative medicine for all our members.

EMSD Nosek was visited this past month by one of our former paramedic student riders Eric who informed him that he had passed his Illinois Department of Public Health Paramedic exam and is now a licensed paramedic.

We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

Lutheran General Hospital (LGH) has instituted a new system for inventory control system. We have obtained FOB's so that we can replace linens and supplies.

FF/PM LiRosi has taken over all of

the CPR classes and instruction. He will coordinate both the private and the village sector. FF/PM Hudecek, Niemand, Bubis and PM Jenkins and Kosar are all still instructors helping out. We are averaging 3-4 classes per month with 50 plus students.

When doing run sheets please verify that you have the correct incident number. All incident numbers from Schiller Park dispatch are seven digits. Also to help prevent the computers from overheating, leave the lid open.

Worldwide there continues to be a shortage of certain drugs that we administer. It may be impossible to exchange certain drugs at the hospital because of the shortage. I will be coming out with an FYI to inform you of any developments.

Please remember that any unused or empty controlled substance vials must be brought into the hospitals for them to replace. If you have any questions or concerns, please see EMSD Nosek.

Please consult the FYI's on the EMS Clipboard in the kitchen for complete info and updates.

The Northwest Community Hospital website for Continuing Education has a ton of information that can assist paramedics with continuing education and also provide assistance on the monthly training. If you have not had an opportunity to check the website it would be advisable.

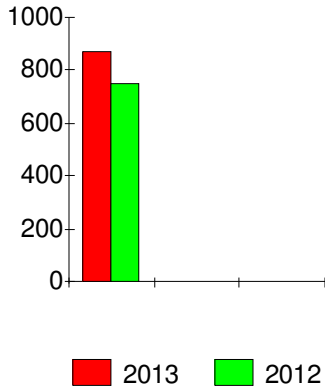
Please refer to the clipboard in the kitchen for any new updates in the Bureau.

During the past month personnel responded to 104 emergency calls. A total of 117 patients were encountered. 81 patients were transported to area hospitals. 61 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Responses	871	751
Cardiac	52	57
Medical Emergency	440	406

Accidents/Trauma	230	181
Fire Responses	138	100
False Alarm/Standby	11	9
Mut. Aid to SHPK	36	16
SHPK to others	38	23

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 run it past Director Deegan, Lt. Budnik or FF/PM Bertoncini.

Lt. Budnik and FF/PM Bertoncini have repainted the stairway and trim coming into the living/administrative sections of the firehouse. The west wing hallway will be next.

FF/PM Bertoncini also touched up all areas of the firehouse with red paint that had become discolored, faded or peeling.

We will be working on also adding emergency strobes on the exterior of the building on the east side of the firehouse.

We are looking at insulating the old entrance to the firehouse from the radio room to make it more sound proof.

What's in the works? –

-New lights at station 2

- Additional outlets at station 2
- Emergency phone outside sta. 2
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Install window in TV. Room
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- fully sprinkler the firehouse

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

July Trivia

August Trivia

The Schiller Park Fire Department responds to hundreds of vehicle accidents each year. What is the weakest part of a vehicle?

The nut that holds the steering wheel!

September Trivia

What was the Schiller Park Race track also know as?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* in order to be eligible for the prizes. Winners will be selected randomly from all correct entries.

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

The training division has been active in defining and charting a course for

our department.

We will be co-hosting a Vehicle Machinery Operations Class for September 23-27th. It was limited to 20 students and be held in Schiller Park/Northlake. We will have three of our members attending as students and one as an instructor. We hope to be able to train then in house members who could not attend the class. A waiting list of 8 persons for the division is in place. The Division may hold another class in the Spring.

We also had several members of Schiller Park in the Fire/Arson Investigation classes. FF/PM Bubis for the fire department where he will be utilized primarily as a photographer at fire incidents and Police Officers Frank Stoffel and Chad Kaiser. They have all completed the class program of 120 hours over three weeks. They will be certified and placed on our roster with the Division.

Cmdr. Chiodo completed the Illinois Fire Service Ethanol Awareness class and received certification.

FF/PM Niemand completed the Vehicle Machinery Operations class.

FF/PM Santiago completed the State Fire marshal Trench Operations class.

Cmdr Leiser has received a DVD training simulator where we can use pictures of buildings in town and I will be able to set up different scenarios.

We are looking into the possibility of hosting some State Fire Marshal classes including technical rescue and fire apparatus engineer. I will notify personnel if openings occur.

We will also have in the new future a Fire Service Vehicle Operator class (FSVO).

I have signed up several members for OSFM classes as part of their job requirements. If you know that you need a class please let me know, I will try to find one, however if you find one on your own please submit the paperwork and maintain a copy for yourself.

I have also obtained railroad ties for training in using different techniques for cutting, i.e. chopping with axes, mauls, saws. They are located behind the firehouse.

Members completed 284 hours of training for the month with 24 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 meetings for 11 hours.

The second Thursday of each month the State Fire Marshal has a testing site at Triton College. They have also instituted a new policy of a government issued picture ID at the test site. If you cannot produce one you will not be allowed in. Likewise they are requesting that all phones be left in the test takers car to help with the integrity of the test (too many camera phones). If you would like to sign up see Cmdr. Leiser.

Please fill an Outside Training Form 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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we remember those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy. Like the Phoenix we rise from the ashes. The event galvanized Americans with a spirit of patriotism and renewed purpose. We thank all first responders and others who assisted victims of the attack. We witnessed all types and acts of heroism that may have gone unnoticed. All these acts are examples for us to help our fellow humans.

For your commitment to our department we are honored to call you our Employee of the Month.

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 Cmdr. Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts are working on their 2013 inspections. Each shift received 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections are rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses. To date about 287 total inspections have been completed.

With Midwest Dispatch now monitoring alarms, all alarm panels should have the new stickers with Midwest Dispatch contact phone numbers. If not please make sure that you affix the correct dispatch center and phone numbers.

We also heard from the U.S Department of Homeland Security that we did not make the final cut for fire prevention software. Over 1400 applications were received and we had made it to the final round. We hope to reapply for next year.

A new product is now available for use by sprinkler fitters. It is braided stainless steel flexible piping. This will be an option along with black pipe and PVC.

We will have several more new businesses in town that the department is reviewing fire and sprinkler plans for.

Please remember on emergency numbers forms to circle which shift the inspection is assigned to. That way it can go in the correct file and may save a re-inspection trip if that was all they required.

We also want to ensure that all PRE-

PLAN sheets are returned and handed in to FF/PM Niemand. These are ESSENTIAL for us to try to complete our computer based pre-plan program. When you bring back your fire inspections, make a copy of the pre-plan forms and submit to FF/PM Niemand. He is CAD drawing the diagrams with the information. He is also using satellite imagery in each of the files. This process will take a year of more to import, drawn and download to our laptops. IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS PAPERWORK AS IT IS PART OF THE PRE-PLAN THAT IS ISO NECESSARY.

We are reviewing several new businesses in town. We have several major projects that are in the works.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see Lt. Hatcher. He will review what is coming into town based on what plans Community Development sends over.

Any member wishing to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association should contact Lt. Hatcher Maher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to stortz fittings.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. Cmdr. Leiser is looking into the program if this should replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. Cmdr.'s Leiser and Maher will advise those needing the class when it is available.

Cmdr. Maher plans on retiring in the near future. As such he is beginning a transition to his replacement Lt. Hatcher. More to follow.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

We have been very pro-active in Public Relations during the past month.

We participated weekly in the Village Farmer Market at Rog's. We passed out fire safety literature to those attending. The Association also sold Wounded Warrior shirts there. We obtained a pop up tent that we used at this event and others throughout the year.

We held our annual 9/11 Remembrance at the memorial at Clock Tower Park. Keynote speeches were provided by the Mayor, Police chief, Fire Director and Fire Department Chaplain (see accompanying photos).

FF/PM LiRosi is in the process of scheduling Fire Prevention Month. He will be looking for some assistance. Fire Prevention Week will culminate in an Open House on October 12th with Hot Dogs and lemonade and activities in the firehouse.

The Illinois Fire Inspectors Association has decided to move its Public Education Conference from Galena to East Peoria next year. The dates will be April 30-May 2nd.

We are planning next school year and working with all the schools in Schiller Park. Next year each school will have a firefighter assigned as a liaison/representative to the school. They will coordinate all activities with that school and be a resource officer between the school and the fire department. The schools are excited and on board.

Other ideas being explored include our next Citizen Fire academy, Jr. Fire Academy, Employee thank you.

FF/Pm LiRosi also continues to work in training and teaching CPR classes.

We are also coordinating with other a fire service organizations the implementation and publicizing the "ICE" program (In Case of Emergency) for people's cell phones.

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Retiree Row

FF Besch (ret.) visited the firehouse

on August 22nd and talked about missing the job and where he and his family are. He had the opportunity to meet some of the newer firefighters who he had not met before.

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 Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com.

Stork Report

FF/PM Gergits and his wife are expecting their first child in October. Ed is preparing the babies room and taking lamazze classes.

FF/PM Bubis and his wife are expecting a baby at the end of November. They too have prepared the babies room and await their bundle of joy.

Jimmy Z (Ziebka-former EMT on Emergency Squad) dropped us a line that he will become a grandfather as his son Jim and his wife are expecting February 2014.

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Notes

A note came from the Porros, Schiller Park residents, thanking the members for on service. They sent the note on September 11th as many remember 1st responders in our great Nation.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

Members are supporting the Wounded Warrior Project helping Veterans by wearing and selling fire department camouflage uniform t-shirts and rubber wristbands. So far over \$5,000 has been raised.

The Firefighter Association also held its Annual Picnic Pig Roast for Family of Firefighters and Police Officers on

September 14th in Robinson Woods #2. (photos in next issue).

Members volunteered to staff the Car Show Water and Soda booth this past year. As a fund raiser we were able to make over \$1,000 which the association gives back to the community in the form of donations and sponsoring charities. The Association also helped purchase a television that they donated to the Historical Society where it will be raffled off to raise money for an eventual new Historical Society building.

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And Finally...

You're neither right nor wrong because people agree with you. You're right because your facts and your reasoning are right.

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M. October 7th. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the *Booster Line* c/o Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com

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The Booster Line is published monthly on or about the 15th. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo, reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability.

Photographs-

Page 8- upper pictures: Cmdr. Chiodo and Lt. Budnik staff the Car Show Association booth on Sept. 8th Middle and lower pictures- Schaumburg reserve engine 4 a 1999 E-One Hurricane with 1500 gpm pump and 500 gallon tank

Page 9- top photos: semi truck loses it load of steel onto a hydrant and car. Lower left picture: Fr. Schultz in the 2013 Triathlon.

Page 10- rollover over car after being t-boned August 23, 2013.

Page 11-12 Our 9/11 patriot Day remembrance at Clock Tower Park