

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 July 12th when the fire department was called for staples in the middle of the street. A box of staples fell from a truck and the fire department assisted our police department in cleaning up the roadway.

Gold shifts next call was for a motorcycle crash. The cyclist laid down his bike and was attended to by paramedics.

July 14th Black shift took in a call for wires down. Police were on scene to do traffic control and Com Ed was notified as the wires were blocking the driveway.

A rollover accident on July 15th had Gold shift arrived on scene and stabilize the vehicle before treating the patient.

Their next Gold shift on the 18th, a 5th Alarm in Prospect Heights had them request a Task Force. This happens when a division is depleted of resources and they request from another division an engine, truck and ambulance to help backfill their stations. Ambulance 5 and Battalion 5 responded for the call out and deployment.

A resident locked themselves out of their unit on July 22nd and dialed 9-1-1. Black shift took the call and after confirming it was her condo with police, were able to gain access with the “W” tool.

After picking up from this call a Haz Mat Box Alarm was requested by Franklin Park for an ammonia leak. Both Chief Chiodo and Battalion 5 responded as Haz Mat personnel.

A resident noticed a smell of natural

gas near their home and called the fire department. Lt. Swiontek and his engine showed up to find that NICOR had been working a job site the day before and was still working at this site. No readings inside the building were detected and NICOR was again called.

Prior to shift change the engine took in a call for people stuck in an elevator at one of our hotels on the fourth floor. After lock out and tag out procedures were followed, members used our elevator keys to open the outer and inner elevator doors and remove several persons.

July 24th had Gold shift take in a fire alarm at a commercial facility. B/C Hatcher and the crew arrived and the fire investigative team found that a crew who were cleaning using a power washer blasted a smoke detector setting it off.

Gold shifts next dispatch was for a motorcycle versus a SUV crash. Three patients were encountered and treated while the engine and truck secured the scene and established a safety zone.

A reported structure fire on July 27th had Red shift take it in. The 9-1-1 reports were of smoke coming from the rear of the house. Battalion 5 first on scene made a quick size up and found that it was a resident burning brush in their backyard. The wet wood caused plumes of smoke that were mistaken for a structure fire. B/C Cesaretti and the crew used the garden hose to extinguish.

Two hours later another call for a fire found the homeowner burning brush again. B/C Cesaretti and the crew again put out the fire with the garden hose and turned the incident over to the police for illegal burning and possible citations.

July 29th had members dispatched to smoke in the building. Red shift arrived and found a light haze in the hallway on the third floor. It appeared to the fire investigative team that it was emulating from a particular unit and forcible entry was made after no one answered the door. No problems

were found in any areas and the building was re-secured.

A divisional request for fire investigators on August 3rd had Lt. Leiser the on-duty fire investigator respond to the Box Alarm in Broadview. On scene he aided in the origin and cause investigation.

After shift change Gold shift responded to a transformer fire between buildings. B/C Leiser found the transformer smoking but no fire. After a few minutes smoke was seen coming from one of the roofs and Truck 5 laddered the building and found a piece of rubber from the transformer fell on the roof and was smoldering. A pump can put out the smoldering section.

Next, MCD dispatched Gold shift to a fire alarm in an apartment building in town. The fire investigative team found smoke in the hallway and determined it was burnt food. They traced the origin to a unit and set up fans to ventilate the building and restore the alarm.

Before retiring for the evening the tones went off for Gold shift and a structure fire in Norwood Park. Battalion 5 was assigned Operations and truck 5 was asked to pull a second hose line to the garage to help fight the fire.

August 7th had Red shift take in a call for wires down. Lt. Budnik and his crew found a power line down in a tree and on the walkway near the Lawrence viaduct. The area was marked by CAUTION tape and cones until Com Ed could respond.

On Red shifts next tour of duty, the 10th, they responded to a hotel for persons trapped in the elevator on the 7th floor. Engine 5 performed safety procedures before opening up the elevator to find no one trapped.

If its Friday and a call for wires down, chances are it is on Garden court and a garbage truck yanked them down. And so it was on the 10th when Lt. Budnik and his engine responded and found cable wires pulled down.

After clearing the scene dispatch

notified the shift of a motor vehicle crash. Getting to the scene Lt. Budnik saw that a car had struck a wooden light pole and there were two guide wires on the ground. Our ambulance treated the patient and Com Ed was called to the scene.

August 11th had Gold shift dispatched to a car fire in an intersection. When members looked into the incident they found no fire but a failure of the coolant lines and the fluid coming into contact with a hot surface and smoking. Police requested a tow truck to remove the vehicles from the intersection.

Their next call found Gold shift called out for a reported brush fire. Checking the general vicinity where it was suppose to be, members found it was actually a burn pit being used by a resident to grill food. It was properly constructed and burning the appropriate fuel and they even took the precaution of having a garden hose available.

Engine 5 was called out on August 13th for a carbon monoxide detector going off. Using two of our monitors we walked through eh house monitoring all areas and found no elevated levels. It was determined that the detector may have been faulty.

After the CO call engine 5 was dispatched to a dumpster fire behind an apartment building. Approximately 250 gallons of water were used to put it out.

Gold shift picked up from this call and were dispatched to an automatic fire alarm at an office building. The still companies showed up and were met by security personnel who showed our firefighters that the alarm was set off by a cigarette receptacle that was smoking from discarded smoking materials.

Responding cross town to their next call, Gold shift took in a car fire at Mannheim and Irving. A hose line was pulled to cool the engine compartment and the driver stated that he saw flame and smoke coming from under the hood.

Just after dinner the tones went off for Gold shift and an automatic fire alarm. Arriving the shift show that the building was being evacuated. Members entered found smoke in the building and traced it to one unit. The truck company forced entry and found the apartment charged with smoke. Crawling into the room members found food in a pot on the stove burning. Fans were used to clear and ventilate the building and the owner notified.

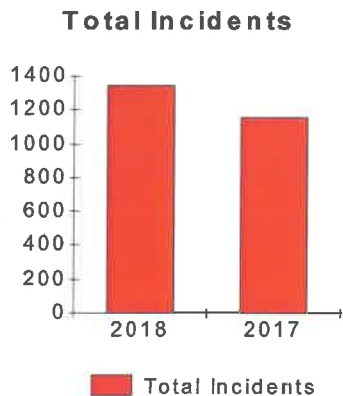
August 14th found FF/PM Santiago and his crew dispatched to a call of a lock out/lock in. When the members arrived they found a caregiver who locked herself out of the residence with the owner locked inside and unable to open the door. Police were also on the scene and verified occupancy. Forced entry was made to pair up caregiver with owner.

The crew then took in a chirping carbon monoxide detector. Monitors initially read 10 ppm when members entered the building and the owner said she was cooking in the basement. After the stove was re-ignited and the area monitored again reading shot up to over 100 ppm. The oven was disconnected and the area ventilated. The owner was asked to call a service technician.

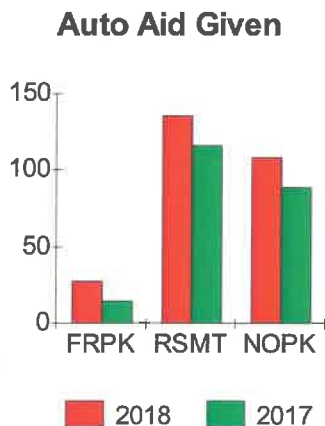
Engine 5 was then called out to a camp fire burning near the toll way. Members arrived and found that the camp fire was abandoned and that the caller was on scene and indicated she stomped it out. A pump can was used to finish cooling off the surrounding area.

The final call for this reporting period came on the toll way for a fuel spill on the 12th. Lt. Leiser found several gallons on the ground and made sure that it was not getting into the sewers, contacted our Public Works for sand to absorb. The gas station was also informed to call for their clean up company for the sand removal and any other remediation.

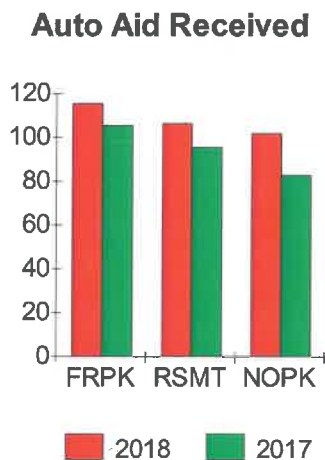
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:



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



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



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	1345	1157

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	28	14
Norwood Park (NOPK)	108	89
Rosemont (RSMT)	135	116

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	115	105
Norwood Park (NOPK)	102	83
Rosemont (RSMT)	106	95

Mario prior to flushing any hydrants.

We have been invited to several 9/11 remembrances besides our own. Please join us at 8:30 AM to honor those who perished at Clock Tower Park.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Lt Sam DiMaggio (ret. POC) on August 1st. Sam was with the department for 50 years. He was a mentor and a friend to many and we were honored to be a part of his funeral and wake. He will be missed by me.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Rusciollelli on completing his probation and receiving his full-time badge presented to him by his wife at the August 16th Village Board meeting.

Also at the same Board meeting the Fire and Police Commission swore in FF/PM Dan Linehan as a probationary firefighter/paramedic. He will be assigned Gold shift until he attends the fire academy.

Our congratulations to Rosemont Lt. Morrison who is retiring after 23 years of public service.

Also congratulations to our fire department chaplain Fr. Rob who recently completed his 100th triathlon!

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

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

We are in the process of updating all our Standard Operating Guidelines. Approximately 50 are written and under review.

As many of you are already painfully aware the northbound ramps to I-294 are closed. They will remain shut down until approximately December. This will allow for inner lane prep work. As a result the lanes needed to be shifted over and this did not allow a safe margin for merging going northbound. The oasis is still scheduled to come down early October. The toll way and Schiller Park hosted a breakfast for businesses that may be impacted by these changes and other Schiller Park businesses where the 10 year plan was spelled out. A map of the work is included at the end of this issue.

The Village has renewed our health insurance and we are pleased to share that we had a great year and that our premium will increase by less than 1%.

As a reminder please make sure that we call the Water Department or

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

Tony Calafati installed the dash cam in Squad 5, (453) this past month. This completes all of our fire department vehicles.

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

Our Stihl chainsaw was worked on and is back in service.

Repairs were made to the truck diesel exhaust system. Please be careful when attaching or pulling out of the firehouse.

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

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

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

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

We would like to congratulate PM Greg Ostrand who was recently hired by the Oak Park Fire Department. He is grateful for all the support he has received here and would like to continue as a part-time paramedic if

possible.

We have also repaired the rear mobile radio in Ambulance 5 (46#) this past month and so no issues should be present.

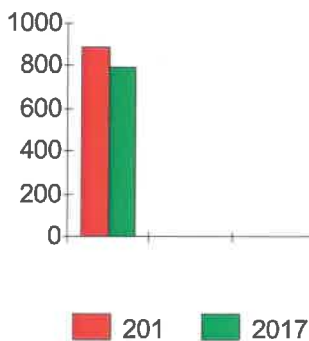
When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

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

During the past month personnel responded to 127 emergency calls. A total of 123 patients were encountered. 82 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	164	889
ALS Transports	64	342
BLS Transports	29	194
Refusals/MPR's	41	169
Other Non-Transports	11	57
Fire Responses	19	131
CPR Students taught	0	7
Mut. Aid to SHPK	10	34
SHPK to others	8	39

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
- Mount association shifts
- Bell stand for ceremonies
- New floor covering for safety on apparatus floor
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

July Trivia

Who invented the fire hydrant?

No one knows for sure because the patent was burned in a fire.

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

August Trivia

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

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.

Chief Chiodo, FF/PM Bubis and FF/PM Leao all attended Division 20 drone and fire investigator training.

The Division sponsored Vehicle Machinery Technician class in September will be cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

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

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/ Classes	12	120	188	2325
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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 FF/PM Leao.

FF/PM Leao became the fire department drone pilot and one of only a handful in our division. FF/PM Leao did extensive training which includes taking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tests for flying and regulations. With this certification

comes monthly training as a pilot or co-pilot. This means hands on where each certified person must fly the drone.

These aircraft are being used more in the fire service and becoming more common. They can be used for fire incidents, hazardous materials, technical rescue and other situations. They are not intended for surveillance.

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

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Chief Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts are more than half way through their inspections for 2018 inspections. Each shift has 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three-year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

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

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

Our fire prevention bureau conducted acceptance tests of new installed fire alarm systems and approved Business Regulation Certificate Data Sheets.

B/C Hatcher addressed the Trouble Alarms from the past month from both the end user and Midwest Central Dispatch.

B/C Hatcher also reviewed all the fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection reports.

When checking sprinkler/standpipe connections please see that it is a storz fitting. If they have not complied with our request to change the connection, please advise that we may be able to hook up to that system. Any questions can be referred to Chief Chiodo.

We are looking to bolster and strengthen our fire inspectional program. We are looking for our members to take the Inspector I certification program. All new firefighters will be required to take this class.

ISO has changed their grading system and now will give credit for Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

B/C Hatcher is working with Community Development on keeping communications open and resolve problems. There are several major inspections that are jointly being worked on. The majority of businesses are in compliance.

Any member wishing to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association should contact B/C Hatcher.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

July 14th saw the shift visit the International Assembly of God for

their picnic. It was also a meet and greet for the firefighters and the church members and children.

Members are beginning to work on Fire Prevention Month and our Open House on October 13th 11-2.

Members will also be present at Pierogi and Fun August 25th. All are invited.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town.

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

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Retiree Row

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

As outlined above Lt. Sam DiMaggio passed away this past month. Please continue to keep his and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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 Glenville Fire Department who bought our tower ladder are very happy and it is performing well for them. They will send pictures of it re-lettered and in-service there.

Manor Tools President Tom Simeone sent a note congratulating us on our new ISO rating and for letting them know so that they can forward to their insurance company.

Emergency Mgmt.

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

B/C Leiser and Trustee Deegan are working with the Village Officials in completing any necessary NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities. Some tabletop drills will be planned for 2018. The EOP is on the shared drive on our computers.

Association News

The Firefighters Association picnic has been postponed.

And Finally...

A good idea always attracts other good ideas.

Deadlines

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

Pictures:

Page 7- Seal coating and re-paving Jr.;, Susy Sally.

Page 8- Tower Ladder 5 leaves Schiller Park for its new destination in Glenville MN. (top)

Bottom- Vehicle takes out a light pole and rolls over.

Page 9- Rollover semi on Toll way with entrapment

Page 10- Division 20









MABAS DIVISION 20

