

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 October 15th when Black shift responded to the toll way for a car fire. On scene B/C Budnik and the crew found the car on the shoulder with the owner stating that it was overheating and not a fire.

After returning to quarters Black shift was dispatched to a resident who locked themselves out of the apartment. Lt. Swiontek and Engine 5 took in the call and assisted in gaining entry.

Before Black shift completed their tour of duty they responded to a carbon monoxide leak. Using two meters to monitor the area the laundry room and boiler room both showed elevated levels. Near the boiler meters registered 100 ppm and it was shut off and the gas turned off. They were then advised to call a repair technician.

October 16th had an automatic fire alarm in a condo building for Red shift. The fire investigation team found a smoke detector activated near where a cleaning crew was cleaning.

A natural gas leak outdoors was Engine 5's next call. The crew used the Quad meters to find a slight level of natural gas reading 0.1% of the lower explosive limit.

After returning to quarters MCD dispatched member to Mannheim and Irving for a person down. Chicago also responded and assisted. After 20 minutes of working the person, Loyola Medical control instructed members to cease.

Gold shift on the 17th took in an outdoor gas leak on the parkway. Lt. Leiser and Engine 5 monitored the area and requested NICOR to the scene after locating where from the ground it was coming from.

October 18th had a fire alarm in a multi unit building and Black shift respond. Our members found a repair crew working on the boiler and a worker indicate that he thought the panel near the boiler was for the boiler's operation and pressed the TEST button. The panel was actually for the fire alarm and a response was transmitted.

Black shift next found itself responding to a car into the building. On scene firefighters found that the car had side swiped the building and no brick damage or inside the structure damage was noted. Both persons in the car were shaken but did not require medical care.

A fire alarm then sent Schiller Park to a motel in town where a smoke detector sounded. The fire crew checked the kitchen area where they found smoke from a belt in the air handler set off the alarm.

Red shifts tour of duty on the 19th had a caller report of smell of natural gas. At the location Lt. Niemand recognized painting/markings on the ground from where NICOR had flagged earlier. NICOR was contacted and informed again and advised Schiller Park they would be out within 30 minutes.

Lt. Swiontek and Engine 5 took in a fire alarm on the 21st where the owner apologized for the response and stated that they set off the alarm while cooking. Members checked the house to verify and returned top quarters.

Gold shift on the 21st then took over

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watch of the Village and was summoned to an electrical pole on fire. At the scene members found the top of the pole burning and called Com Ed to the scene. After Com Ed showed up and confirmed the power was off, Engine 5 dropped a 1 ¾ inch cross lay and extinguished the fire.

October 22nd had Red shift respond to a 40 unit apartment building for a fire alarm. Members could smell smoke and saw a light haze in the garden hallway. Further investigation found a smoke detector activated outside a unit. When members knocked on the door, the resident sheepishly stated she had burnt her food. A positive pressure fan (PPV) was used to clear the hall.

Red shift was then sent to a call where a resident stated they smelled natural gas inside the building. Arriving on scene the resident informed the crew that the smell was dissipating. Members monitored her apartment and the common areas near her unit.

A fire alarm with strobes activated on October 24th had Black shift personnel be met by the business representative who stated that the heating and ventilation men were working on the system and tripped it.

A carbon monoxide alarm call on October 26th had Red shift dispatched. The resident was outside with police officers while fire personnel went in to monitor. The investigation revealed that one of the burners was in the "ON" position and it was shut off. The elderly resident felt better if he stayed with his daughter for the night and she was summoned. Schiller Park Police stayed with him until the daughter arrived.,

Reds shift was requested to Rosemont on October 28th for a nasty accident involving a Pin In. On scene our ambulance was assigned the driver of the vehicle and both Engine 5 and Truck 5 assisted with extrication. Des Plaines transported the person that Schiller Park removed.

Melrose Park requested a fire investigator Box Alarm on October 29th. Lt. Leiser the on-duty investigator responded and was assigned the Photographers role at the scene.

Next a gas leak outdoors had members contact NICOR while responding to check out the hazard. On scene a gas leak was determined to be coming from the ground between the street and the sidewalk. Monitors indicated it was at the 2% LEL level. Again as at a different location markings from NICOR were on the pavement and grass.

A report of a vehicle into the building was received on October 30th. A mini van had jumped the parking stop and struck the buildings garden apartment. Members treated the driver and checked for structural damage. Our Community Development department was also notified and no occupants inside the building were hurt.

A single-family residence with a fire alarm system had an activated alarm on October 30th where Gold shift responded. En-route MCD informed Battalion 5 that the caller stated it was burnt toast. All incoming auto-aid companies were returned and Schiller Park units verified.

Low hanging wires were called in on October 31st. Engine 5 arrived and determined they were not live electrical. Com Ed was called to raise the wires.

Next members were dispatched to smoke coming from the heating vent. On scene members found a light haze in front of the store. The manager indicated that this was the first time that he turned on the heating unit this season and saw the smoke. Members laddered the roof to check the unit and determined that it might have been a build up of dust in the unit and the ductwork that was blown into the building.

A call to the toll way on November 1st had a semi-truck and two SUV's involved. After creating a safe work zone the patients were all assessed

and treated.

No sooner had Gold shift returned to the firehouse they were called again by District 15 State Police to the toll way for a second accident. This motor vehicle crash involved 2 semi-trucks, 2 four-door sedans and one pick up truck. Triage was established and all patients looked at. Being that we were southbound on the toll way patient was transported to Elmhurst hospital.

Chicago and Schiller Park converged on a mutual intersection for an accident November 2nd. A semi-truck and 4 door sedan were involved in the collision. Chicago ambulance 20 took two of the four patients and Schiller Park treated the remaining two persons.

November 4th saw a call for Red shift of an accident involving a motorcycle. Arriving the one rider was laying on the sidewalk and was treated and transported by ambulance 5.

District 15 Police contacted MCD for an accident on the toll way involving three cars. Responding members found that the three cars were pinned together along the left shoulder abutting the concrete barrier. B/C Budnik requested 2 mutual aid ambulances for the 6 persons involved. Both Franklin Park and Rosemont responded and helped transport.

After returning in service Schiller Park firefighters were sent to an elevator rescue. Engine 5 assisted building maintenance personnel freeing the trapped person after the lock out and tag out procedures were employed. An elevator service company was then requested by the building maintenance staff.

November 8th again had residents in a section of town call for the smell of gas. Red shift again responded and noticed how NICOR had markings on the lawn. Residents were not pleased and NICOR called again about leak in parkway. NICOR said it would respond within 30 minutes.

A smoke alarm going off next had red

shift respond to an incident. Members found the smoke detector on the second floor going off due to burnt food in the kitchen on the second floor.

Red shift responded to a motel for a fire alarm on the 9th. When they arrived they found the dry pipe broken and water coming out. The system was shut down and the manager was told to call a sprinkler company for repairs.

A change of quarters to Bensenville on November 12th had Red shift Battalion 5 and Truck 5 cover Bensenville. While in their change quarters firehouse they took in a fire alarm and ambulance call.

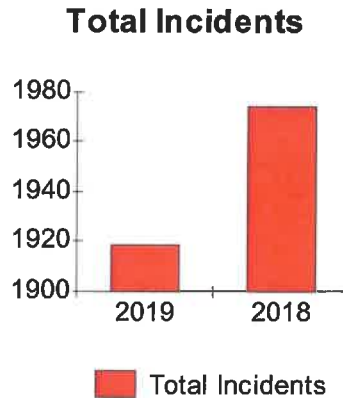
November 14th had Black shift respond to the reported gas leak. The parkway had been dug up by NICOR. There was a faint smell of gas and NICOR was called again.

The next gas leak was on the 15th and this time it was at the meter. No gas intrusion into the residence and NICOR was called and notified.

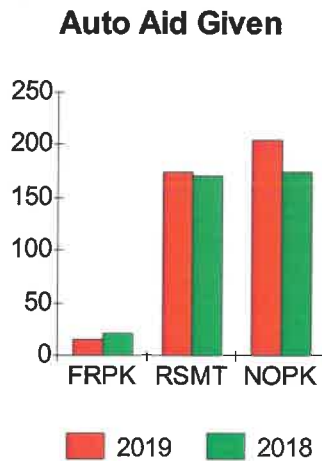
The last call for this reporting period was also on the 15th where a caller stated it smelled like something was burning. On scene members found smoke detectors on the third floor with a strong smell of burnt food. After several knocks on one of the apartment doors a 13 year old answered and stated her 10 year old sister burnt a sandwich and opened the door to let the smoke out and that set off the detector. Members did find the burnt sandwich on the stove and used a PPV fan to air out the building.



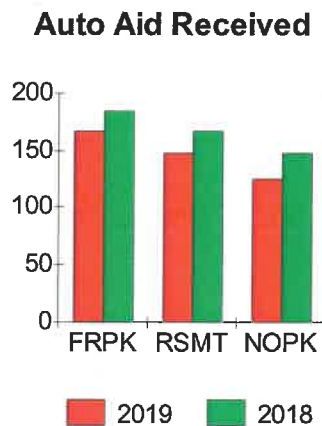
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2018:



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



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



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	1,919	1,974

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	15	20
Norwood Park (NOPK)	205	175
Rosemont (RSMT)	175	171

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	167	184
Norwood Park (NOPK)	126	148
Rosemont (RSMT)	147	167

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The McGrath Group whom were hired by the Village to assess the Fire Department has met with all the members of the shifts who were available. They have continued to request data and documentation from the department. They will meet with Village officials to interview them as part of the complete evaluation. No date is set for a draft copy.

I have found that Elmhurst Hospital will do after hours medical (drug/alcohol) screening for our members as part of their occupational health care. We are to use them for post-accident review when Concentra is closed.

Our department secretary, Terri Roth, who we share with the police department, will only be in the firehouse from 8-11:30. She will then transfer to the police department office. If necessary members may have to see her there.

The Village is implementing a new phone system. We hope to have it operational by the end of December.

FF/PM Leao is pioneering in keeping us safe and healthy. He was instrumental in getting the air exhaust system and has now added to our health and safety the implementation of the modified clean cab concept. Large black bags have been placed

on the vehicles so that soiled gear from fires with contaminants do not spoil the cab of the vehicles when returning to quarters. The bagged gear will be placed in a compartment and washed upon returning to the firehouse.

The CDC is putting together a National Registry for firefighters. This will have firefighters sign up and begin to track firefighter illnesses and diseases.

I had the opportunity to visit FF/PM Cwynar at the NIPSTA academy for Lunch with the Chief. Kevin is near the top of his class and progressing well. He is looking forward to getting back to the department.

Chief LaRiviere (RVGR) is retiring from the River Grove Fire Department after 20 years there. He also worked full time for Lincolnwood where he also retired from, A gathering at the River Café on December 19th at 7 PM will celebrate his career.

The Village was also fortunate enough to have a Hi-lift donated (see photo). This will in many instances replace the aluminum put it together scaffolding and be safer. The lift will be stored in the firehouse and has already been put to use a few times.

Finally, our neighbor to the north, Rosemont, is getting a \$420,000 upgrade to their firehouse. They have invited us over to visit and marvel when it is complete.

The Village passed several ordinances and resolutions. These included Cook County Homeland Security and the Mitigation Plan, one for Medicaid additional reimbursement, Spiller Pay ordinance and a resolution for our OSFM fire truck loan. We should have by the January Village Board meeting a vendor for our new proposed fire Engine. I will keep you informed.

We are in the process of reviewing our General Orders which will expire in January 2020. We are also looking at a review of Chapter 32 of the Millenium 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 5 (455) by replacing the air dryer on the motor and brakes.

He also replaced the fuel filter on Engine 6 (453).

One expensive repair that Tony completed was the replacement of the Kussmaul connection on Ambulance 6 that auto ejects.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

We have color coded all the trailer hitches to match the color code and size for MABAS assets. We also have purchased a multiple size ball hitch and a reducer so that we can interchange hitches with Battalion 5 and 458.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Lt. Swiontek has written a memo on the new electronic patient care report (ePCR) and templates for Zoll. He also has sent out to everyone the new template for the multiple patient report (MPR). Please refer to it.

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.

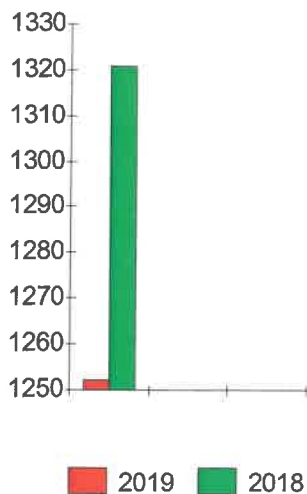
When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 133 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 77 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	133	1252
ALS Transports	38	450
BLS Transports	39	281
Refusals/MPR's	24	262
Other Non-Transports	4	50
Fire Responses	28	229
CPR Students taught	0	107
Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	58
SHPK to others	6	59



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? –

- 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

October Trivia

What piece of apparatus is Daniel Hayes credited with inventing?

Dan Hayes is credited with inventing the mechanical aerial ladder.

Three correct answers were received- Chief Belmonte (ret. Westchester), Jimmy "Z" Ziebka, and PM Dave Kosar.

November Trivia

Why is fire hot? (technical answers only)

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 Bubis completed his Company Officer classes at NIPSTA

Our swift water rescue team members participated in the Division 20 water rescue drill.

FF/PM Cwynar continues at the NIPSTA fire academy. He graduates from the Fire Academy on December 13th.

The State Fire Marshal came out in November to audit our training records. He worked with Lt. Leiser and we recently got confirmation that our audit passed.

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

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 381 hours of training for the month with 34 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals: Month Hrs Year Hrs

Drills/	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Classes	21	217	245	3197

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 Employees of the Month FF/PM Cwynar, FF/PM Leao and FF/PM Miletta, FF/PM Rupsis, FF/PM Loch, Lt. Swiontek and B/C Budnik.

FF/PM Cwynar while in the fire academy also volunteered to read at the Schiller Park library during Fire Prevention Week as part of the 1st Hometown Heroes. Firefighters read books about their profession to the kids. This program has members of the Villages Fire, Police and Public Works departments read to the school children at the library. The library will sponsor another reading session during EMS Month in May.

FF/PM Leao has been instrumental in ensuring the health and safety of the fire department. His latest initiative is the clean cab concept. He has special designated black bags on the vehicles to contain contaminated gear so that we are not exposed to harmful substances when riding or breathing in the rigs.

The last group of firefighters stepped up for Fire Prevention Month to ensure that fire safety messages

reached our school children. With FF/PM Warden on maternity leave and FF/PM Schneider on vacation, these members put the program together and visited several hundred students.



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 started the 4th Quarter of calendar year 2019 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.

If there are any business license inquiries, 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 also are looking for a resolution from 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.

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.

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

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

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

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 in Fire Prevention Month at all the schools seeing several hundred students. (see photos)

Members were also present at the Seniors Health and Resource Fair in Franklin Park and also at the Career Fair & Business Expo at East Leyden high school.

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.

First Cmdr. Jeffrey (ret.) corrected me in that I did not read the Chicago Fire Department Stockyard Fire correctly. The Schiller Park Fire Department changed quarters to Engine 69's quarters in Chicago at 4017 Tripp. Thanks Chuck, I misread.

FF Jordan (ret. Dec.) son Andy is retiring from the Schiller Park Police Department after 32 years. He follows his brother who also retired as a Schiller Park Police officer (both black sheep in not wanting to be firemen).

FF Schuyler (ret.) recently had throat surgery and returned home. The whole family is very happy that he is now cancer free. They thank everyone for the prayers and thoughts.

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:

Children from the 4500 block of Rose thanked the fire department and in particular FF/PM Rusciollelli and PM Berrisford for the time spent with the kids and the pencils and coloring books when they visited the firehouse.

The Vendegna Family also sent a thank you for the kindness and assistance that was shown them.

School District 81 also thanked members of Red shift who responded to the school when a student had an allergic reaction.

An our last note comes from our EAP who had one of the counselors ride with our department to learn more about our job, workplace and culture to help them better serve us and our needs.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance is looking at potential new purchase items that will be voted on. FF/PM Loch will be posting requests for purchase and an agenda for the November meeting.

Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand has met with a grant writer as we prepare for the new AFG grant period to open. He is exploring possibilities to apply for which may include a sprinkler system and fire

alarm system for the Village complex.

He was also successful in getting a resolution from the Village Board for Cook County Homeland Security to be a part of the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

We were also informed that Cook County Homeland Security is renamed Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security.

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

Association News

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

Members will again participate in Operation North Pole. Please see FF/PM Miletta for further info.

The Association thanks all the members who helped raise funds for the 100 Club and who worked the Car Show.

And Finally...

Silence your inner saboteur.

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 8- Members teach Fire Prevention and Safety in the Schools during fire prevention month.

Our "new" battery operated high lift which can be raised to approximately 20 feet..

