

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 August 25th when Gold shift responded to the toll way for a rollover crash. The three vehicles were stabilized with struts and shocks and the front windshield was removed to extricate one person. Rosemont assisted with an additional ambulance and all patients transported.

Red shift on August 26th responded to a baby locked in the car. Mom who was panicking decided prior to our arrival to break the window. When we arrived we checked the baby for injuries and all was okay.

The next call this day was at Irving and Mannheim for a pin in. Chicago also responded to this call. We arrived and found a pick up truck with the driver pinned in. Schiller Park began to remove the door and do extrication with Chicago’s help. It was also necessary to do a dash roll. The driver was taken to a level one trauma center along with the passenger.

Red shifts next tour of duty on the 29th found them respond to a smell of natural gas in a building. Investigating the members found a circulating pump was the source of the odor and no natural gas leak.

September 1st and Red shift responded to a trouble alarm. Lt. Budnik and the crew found the cause to be from someone tampering with the sprinkler system by turning the OS and Y valve 2 turns. Looking further, a plumber on scene was working on a water leak in the bathroom and inexplicitly turned this valve.

Black shift took in the trouble alarm

on September 6th. Here Lt. Swiontek and his crew found that water was leaking into a detector. The leak was going to be repaired and the alarm was shunted.

Black shift then took in another water flow alarm. This time the sprinkler system was activated for no reason. The system was shut down until it could be repaired.

September 7th found an automatic fire alarm in a parking garage. Chief Cesaretti and the shift found a damaged pull station in the east stairway.

This call was followed up with a possible structure house fire. While responding, police on the scene found that it was the homeowner burning clothes in his grill. The police on scene removed the clothing and stomped out the burning clothing.

A resident called on the 9th for a fire alarm in their home. Chief Leiser and Black shift arrived to find the owner state that she burnt her lunch on the stove.

Black shift then took in a water flow alarm. At this commercial building they found the sprinkler system activated because of a broken sprinkler head. The system was shut down to prevent further water damage until repairs could be made.

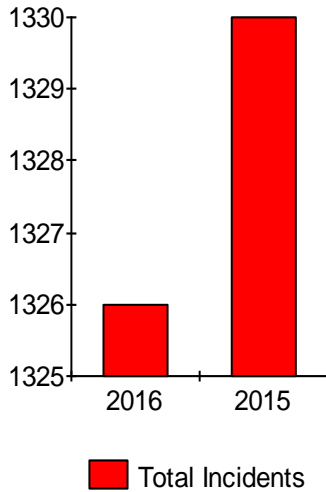
After midnight Black shift took in a fire alarm in a hotel. Lt. Swiontek in charge of the fire investigative crew found burnt popcorn the cause of activation.

During the day on the 10th, Red shift took in a call for a child locked in a car. Here police were given permission to break the window to gain entry. Unfortunately the police office was injured during this operation prior to our arrival.

The final call of this period was called in by our electrical inspector who found smoldering mulch at the METRA station. FF/PM Bertoncini and his engine company handled the situation.

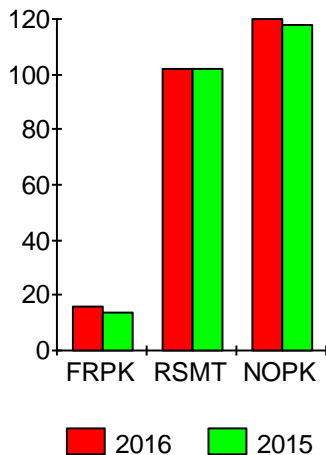
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2015:

Total Incidents



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

Auto Aid Given



[pictures page 7-Members of Gold shift cut holes in former Hostess building as part of ventilation drill/training

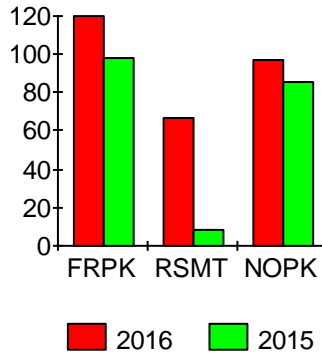
Page 8- Members use 1 ¾ and 2 ½ inch hoses training with our new fire extinguisher trainer.

Page 9 – Brickwork and window installation in the firehouse and the new addition to Kennedy school, New Jimmy Johns being built and Hostess Coming down.

Page 10 – Schiller Park Remembers 9/11]

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

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	1326	1330

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	16	14
Norwood Park (NOPK)	120	118
Rosemont (RSMT)	102	102

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	120	98
Norwood Park (NOPK)	97	86
Rosemont (RSMT)	67	8

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission has exhausted its current eligibility list. A new test was given with only one candidate passing. They have set dates for the next exam. We have at least two immediate openings.

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury. During his recovery Vito was wed. Congratulations to Vito and his bride on their matrimony.

Chief Stenson (NOPK) has announced his retirement effective January 1st, 2017. We wish him well.

Also retiring was B/C Johnson from Bensenville. After 27 years September 12th was his last day. A walk off ceremony was held in his honor. Getting the new assignment was Chris Sandilands who moves from Lieutenant to battalion Chief.

Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus from St. Beatrice for organizing the first Blue Mass. While attendance was low we appreciate the thoughtfulness and gesture. We hope to increase attendance and participation next year.

A committee has been formed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our full time department. We are looking to have this celebration in May 2017.

We held the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks at Clock Tower Park. Our guest speaker was Lt. John Schneiwind (Schaumburg FD) who was also a former part time paramedic here. He spoke of his experiences at ground zero during the recovery. Members also attended remembrances at Irving Park Cemetery, Norwood Park and Leyden.

We believe that we may now have fully recovered from this past summers lightning strikes. Our in house notification amps were replaced and the emergency generator for the Village Building had all the electrical components that were fried replaced. It is now back in the fully automatic mode.

Knox Box has provided us with several sprinkler connection keys. Some of our surrounding communities have installed the Knox box caps on their sprinkler connections. Please familiarize yourself as to the location on the vehicles or see Lt. Budnik.

A thanks to the shifts who took on the extra responsibility this past month as we hosted the division Haz Mat truck while Norwood Park hosted their 75th Anniversary. As part of housing it we were responsible for getting to incidents within the division.

A congratulations to Norwood Park as they celebrated the 75th anniversary of their department. Chief Chiodo represented us at their anniversary and unveiling of their 9/11 tribute.

We are working diligently on the 9-1-1 Consolidation. Harwood Heights, Norridge and Schiller Park have signed a MOU and are working on the IGA. It will officially be called the Municipal Dispatch Center. We are in the process of selecting a Director and testing for dispatch positions. This will be done and completed by July 2017. As part of this process we will be dissolving our 9-1-1 board and creating a Joint 9-1-1 board.

Our committee who is working on the design of the new Ladder truck will meet with the vendor and their engineering staff for the final work up of the plans. Lt. Budnik and Chief Chiodo were at their local facility this past month to see the operation where it will go for final prep and delivery to us.

The Toll way has asked that we cover an additional .3 miles southbound on the toll way. Our Operations Division has looked at the maps and the extra distance does not change any of the turn arounds that we would use to get back to Schiller Park.

Lastly, I would like to apologize to anyone who did not get the notice of the cancellation at the Village Board honoring PM Jenkins. We were notified at the last minute that Mike would not be able to attend. We did not have an accurate count of who might be attending so that they could be notified of the change.

We have been using horses to notify residents when we are flushing and flowing hydrants. So far the shifts have done an admirable job of moving the barricades and passing on to each shift the sections of town that we will be working in.

The Village continues to work on the comprehensive plan. A website for ideas can be accessed at www.schillerparkcivicpage.com. Several community meetings are planned for input.

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 which Black shift completed was 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 laying completing flat. Black shift had purchased the identifiers and implementing this project.

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:

This past month we found that Engine 5 had some electronic problems that required it to be sent to the shops (Global). The sensors for the anti-roll were worked on and it is back in service. Tower Ladder 5 needed new front brakes. Global came out to pick up the vehicle for a ride to Aurora where they were repaired/replaced. The rig returned and is back in service.

Tony further worked on Engine 5 as a strap on the rear roll up door broke, he was able to fix in house.

Members also were able to repair the trigger switch on one of our rotary saws.

The radio in Squad 5 was also repaired this past month.

It was noted that the strap on one of the stabilizers on Engine 5's struts was broken. This was referred to Lt. Budnik.

The new 2016 Emergency Response Guides (ERG) have been placed on all the rigs and cars.

The brickwork and lintels have been replaced on the east side of the fire house. This will allow us to now do the installation of the windows with in house firefighter labor.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

We have put on several new part time paramedics. Please work with them to train and familiarize with our procedures and policies.

A drug take back from the DEA will take place on October 22nd. This is for prescription pills and no liquids or sharps. Walgreens company is in the process of establishing regional prescription pill drop off locations. You can go to their website for locations.

Lt. Swiontek will be addressing the new IMPACT program concerning billing and medicare. All personnel will need to be registered.

A new vehicle air dryer was installed by Tony on Ambulance 5.

Lt. Swiontek is also working on a new policy for drug exchanges. Please also watch when we need to order oxygen.

The Village is tentatively planning the 2016 Flu shots for October 19th from 7-9 AM and October 20th from 3-5 PM.

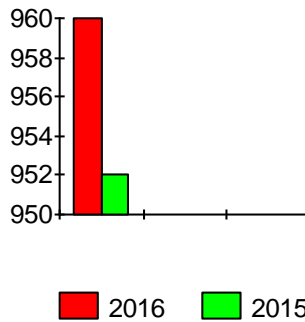
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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.

During the past month personnel responded to 109 emergency calls. A total of 103 patients were encountered. 70 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	109	960
ALS Transports	51	431
BLS Transports	19	178
Refusals/MPR's	19	186
Other Non Transports	5	34
Fire Responses	15	126
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	37
SHPK to others	7	63

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 Lt. Budnik.

FF/PM Bubis and Lt. Budnik are working on a wireless option to open the doors to station 6 on 25th Ave. This will piggy back a signal from 4501 25th (Community Center).

We have completed the brickwork for the windows and will soon install windows on the west side in the Fall.

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? –

- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- 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
- fully sprinkler the firehouse

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

August Trivia

When and why were emergency lights placed on fire apparatus?

As a result of a collision in 1935 in Chicago between Engine 13 and Squad 1 while they were on their way to a fire, Chicago's Mayor Kelly ordered them installed on all fire apparatus. This then formed the Mar's Light Corporation. The Captain of the Squad was killed and several firemen hurt in the accident.

No Correct answers were received.

September Trivia

What warning light was designated by state law to be the exclusively used by fire apparatus in communities of over 100,000 in population?

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.

With the ability to use the old Hostess building for training, multiple training evolutions have been completed there before the building is razed.

We will soon be taking a class called traffic incident management. The

State will be providing this training. It is voluntary now but will soon be mandatory and be necessary for responses to the toll way. It will fall under the Uniform Manual for Traffic Control which is a Federal mandate.

Because we are short two persons, outside training is temporarily suspended.

The Training Committee is exploring ways of creating a Training Center at Station 6 with props.

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.

Members completed 236 hours of training for the month with 13 training drills. This includes outside classes.

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.

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Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge several persons as our Employees of the Month.

First we would like to again recognize PM Jenkins on his 28 years of service to the Village of Schiller Park. For the majority of his career, he was the senior member and mentor on the ambulance. Mike helped to bring a bedside manner to all he encountered that we would want to see extended to us. Well over 10,000 persons were treated or cared for by Mike. Mike is the last of the civilian paramedics and

the end of an era. Mike will be misses, his calm, bedside manner de-escalated many incidents. His experience as a dad and husband connect with all groups. Mike took the bulk of all EMS calls sacrificing days, nights, weekends and holidays. Mike mentored other members who were a generation or two younger than him and always treated everyone fairly and with respect.

Our second "employee" is Ben Delaney who worked with the fire department and the emergency generator. This generator has been his baby for a number of years. Ben has assisted the Village for over 38 years and was recently recognized by the Board. Ben worked with several vendors to get our emergency generator repaired and up and running in the automatic mode.

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 continue with their 2016 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. The shifts have completed 294 inspections.

B/C Hatcher is also re-aligning the Bureau with team shift inspectors. He will meet with the shifts to explain the new approach.

As a reminder when we go on trouble alarms we need to contact the owner to report that the alarm went into

trouble and document that on the incident report and in the trouble alarm binder. Midwest may also be doing this as a back up to our call.

If you are interested in any plan review in Fire Prevention, please see B/C 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 B/C Hatcher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to storz fittings. We have gotten voluntary compliance on most building and soon will be doing an audit on any remaining FDC.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. B/C Cesaretti and Chief Chiodo will have this replace the Fire Prevention Principles as required before third year of hire. B/C Cesaretti will advise those needing the class when it is available.

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Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

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

We will also be looking into a celebration in 2017 of the 50th Anniversary of our fire department being full time.

A new prescription pill take back will occur October 22nd from 10-2 PM. Walgreens corporation has indicated that they will begin a year round take back program. We will try to work with our local Walgreen to see if the Schiller Park branch will be one of the sites chosen.

Congratulations to FF/PM Warden who coordinated our September 11th

program at Clock Tower. It was well attended and we received many thanks for the entire program and the speakers. We Will Never Forget!

Members attended The Irving Park Cemetery sponsored 9/11 ceremony. We remembered our fallen Americans and then were treated to a luncheon.

The Knights of Columbus had a Blue mass honoring all first responders. It was held at St. Beatrice at the 5:00 mass on September 10th.

Members were also on hand at the annual Village Car show where pop and water were sold by the Association.

Gold shift attended the St. Maria Goretti picnic on August 21st.

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

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

Lt. Kwiat's son contacted Chief Chiodo and said dad is doing well and that if you are interested in visiting Chet, please call and make arrangements.

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.

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Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association will be hosting its annual

Thank You to all Village employees on September 23rd. This years theme is Festa Italiano and will be held on the apparatus floor from 11:30 to 1:00. Mangia.

The Association held a modified annual picnic on September 17th. Several members participated with their families. All who attended enjoyed the hamburgers, hot dogs and an old fashion picnic.

FF/PM Velasco has indicated that the house fund is running low. If you are a full timer please see him, \$60 and if you are a part timer \$30.

Stork Report

The stork whispered into the Velasco's ears that he will be making a delivery to them of a baby in early 2017. Congratulations to Rob and Kelly!

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

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Letters and Notes

A note was received from the Stephen's family, Superintendent of Fire Rosemont (ret.) for our participation and attendance at Don Stephens II wake and funeral.

A letter was also sent from Maywood Chief Bronaugh thanking us for taking a significant role in mitigating a fire incident in their community (incident number 2016-392-3).

Katie Quinn wanted to thank all the firefighters and paramedics for their service. She thanked us on the anniversary of 9/11 and sent home made cupcakes and cookies to the firehouse,

Lastly the Porro family sent a thank you note and food to the firehouse for all the wonderful things our members do for the community and residents

throughout the year.

Emergency Management

B/C Leiser continues to work with the Village Administrators in trying to get them to complete their NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities.

Chief Leiser received notice from FEMA that our AFG grant was denied for the purchase of airpicks. The next opening for applying for AFG grants begins October 11th. Please submit any ideas for evaluation.

The grant that Chief Leiser obtained has been used to purchase the fire extinguisher trainer. All three shifts have had opportunities to use it.

We are working on a beta version of a tweeter account that we hope to see up and running soon.

Special Operations

Lt. Leiser continues to coordinate our special operations division. This includes Technical rescue, Fire Investigations and Hazardous Materials.

And Finally...

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

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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- Hillside Fire Department requested a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm on August 2nd. Chief Chiodo, battalion Chief Leiser and Haz Mat Tech Dehlow responded. The product was leaking inside a trailer on site. Team members donned the appropriate level suits and were able to control and stop the leak.

Page 7- 8- Members thank Ginny Logan and Cindy Brennan from Resurrection for all the years of coming to Schiller Park and teaching Continuing Education.

Red Shift attends National Night Out