

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 November 17th when Black shift responded to a multiple car vehicle accident. On scene Lt. Leiser determined that additional resources were needed as the Squad started extrication. Lt. Leiser requested an Ambulance EMS Box Alarm bringing in Franklin Park, Norwood Park, Rosemont and River Grove. Several serious and significant injuries resulted from the crash which was investigated by the Schiller Park Police Major Accident Division and closed down Irving for several hours.

The following day November 18th Red shift took in a dumpster fire. Lt. Budnik and the crew were told that someone may have discarded a cigarette into the dumpster.

Gold shift was dispatched to the smell of smoke in the house on November 20th. Arriving the size up was given as 20X40 and nothing showing. Lt. Leiser was informed by the residents that smoke was coming from the furnace. Owner did turn off the power and gas to the unit. Members investigated to determine the cause of the smoke.

Lt. Budnik and Red shift on the 21st responded to a motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle. On scene members found a damaged bike and a rider needing assistance. Our ambulance transported to Lutheran General Hospital a level I trauma center.

The next day November 22nd members of Gold shift responded to a fire in a multi family residence. The fire was contained to the boiler room and tenants along with the owner were notified that until the heat was

restored they would have to relocate. Lt. Leiser did the origin and cause investigation to determine what happened and how it might be prevented in the future. Community Development was also notified.

November 24th had Red shift take in a call for a person hit by a car. On scene it was found that it was actually a person riding a bike who was hit by the car. After checking the person out they were transported to Resurrection Medical Center.

Lt. Leiser and Gold on the 28th then took in a brush fire that was called in at the Forest Preserves. Pulling into the woods they saw a garbage can on fire near one of the picnic areas and extinguished.

Another call to the Schiller Woods on December 2nd was for an EMS call. A patient was found in the cold who needed to be transported to a medical facility.

Battalion Chief Hatcher along with Gold shift on December 4th had a report of a tree fire in the parking lot. Looking into the area members found that the tree had come into contact with power lines that arced and was smoldering on the branches.

After midnight, the crew next went to the toll way for a car fire. Dispatch told our companies that visible flames were being reported. Foam and water totaling nearly 500 gallons was used to put out the fire. Extensive damage in the engine compartment and passenger compartment made the vehicle unusable. The driver smelled an unusual odor prior to pulling over and noticing flames.

A working fire in Bellwood after shift change had Bellwood elevate the alarm to a Box Alarm. At this level Schiller Park responds with a Safety Officer. Chief Chiodo and Lt. Swiontek responded and worked with Incident Command at the scene.

Red shift on the 6th took in an automatic fire alarm. At the apartment building the fire investigative crew found that detector was activated because of burnt food.

During some construction and redevelopment in a commercial facility on December 8th, an alarm was set off. On scene this was an occupancy that uses beam detectors and a painter was inadvertently set it off.

December 9th has a response to a parking occupancy where the fire alarm was tripped. Battalion 5 in talking with workers found that when the workers started the diesel heater, fumes activated the alarm.

Because the temperatures kept dropping this day the shifts next call was for another fire alarm. This time it was a heater under a desk in an office that had caught fire at the point where the cord plugged into an extension cord. A dry chemical extinguisher was used to put out the fire.

During the Village Santa Wonderland celebration a call for a possible drowning was received for a hotel. Gold shift responded on the 10th and found the victim already removed from the water and CPR being done. Our paramedics took over and additional advanced life support continued with a firefighter being detailed as a driver to the hospital.

Members next call was for a fire alarm in a hotel. Here Gold shift found that the detection in the kitchen sounded as a result of steam from cooking.

Black shift on December 12th took in a water flow alarm. B/C Leiser and the shift arrived to find that the water flow was from the sprinklers inspectors test valve which had been opened. This caused the system to activate and send an alarm. The system had to be temporarily shut down to prevent freezing.

After shift change Red shift was sent to a smell of gas in the hallway. Red shift using monitors was able to determine that the gas leak was near the dryer in the laundry room and shut off the gas. The owner stated that they would call a repair person.

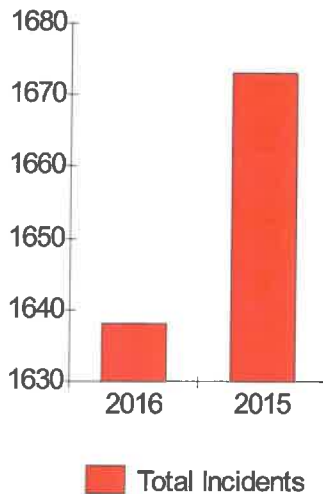
A person stuck in the levator on the

13th had Gold shift take in the call for service. The elevator was found stuck on the third floor. The proper tag out lock out procedures were followed prior to gaining access to the compartment and removing the person.

The last call of the period was for a fire alarm in a condo building. Gold shift arrived and found a tenant state that he had overloaded the washer and dryer and began to smell smoke. It was determined that it was the drive belt.

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

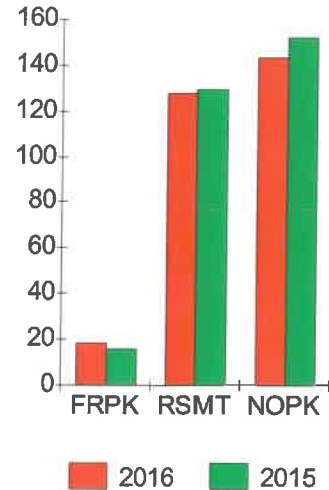
Total Incidents



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of November 30th "To" the following communities:

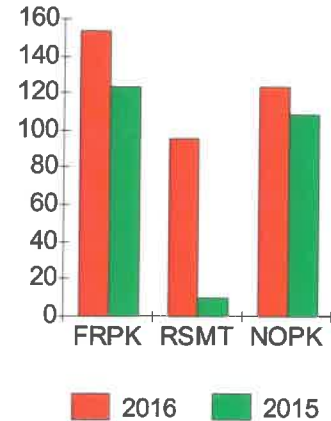


Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of November 30th "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	1802	1823

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	20	17
Norwood Park (NOPK)	165	165
Rosemont (RSMT)	137	144

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	160	139
Norwood Park (NOPK)	127	118
Rosemont (RSMT)	103	12

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission is in the process of finalizing the Original Appointment Eligibility List. There are four candidates to fill one immediate opening.

The Commission also has set the date for the written exam for the Fire Department Lieutenant exam, March 4th. 12 members are eligible to take the exam. The current list expires March 11th.

FF/PM LiRosi continues to be off work as a result of an on duty injury.

Our prayers and thoughts also go out to the Ray Schalkowski family on the passing of Ray. Ray was a Paid on Call fireman in the 1970's and held various other Village employment jobs.



A reception was held on December 1st at the Hilton in Arlington Heights for a book that has been written about Dr. Stan Zydlo, father of FF/PM Matt Zydlo. If you would copies please

contact FF/PM Matt Zydlo.

The Village Board voted to authorize payment for our new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This purchase will outfit with the latest and newest SCBA. We expect delivery in May 2017 at which time we will train on. Lt. Budnik was able to obtain a piggy back deal with Chicago saving over \$20,000.

Lt. Budnik was also able to secure special pricing for replacement portable radios. He was able to purchase 5 and get the 6th free.

Eric Osacarson, Public Works Director, has made available a program on our computers for tracking service requests for vehicle maintenance and outside requests. This will allow better follow up and allow status reports on requests for service or complaints. All officers have been trained to enter the information.

Our congratulations to John Schneidwind (former part time paramedic) and speaker at our 9/11 Ceremony, on his promotion to Captain in Schaumburg.

As we approach of 50th Anniversary as a full time department, we will be ordering commemorative badges. Those who ordered should have them by May 1, 2017.

All members should have had a chance to look at the new proposed rescue harness to be issued to all members. Comments should be submitted by December 31st.

For all Safety Officers responding to incidents, the division template has been placed on the shared drive. It is fillable but please make sure to save it in the Incident Safety folder under the year and location of the incident. Please forward all appropriate copies to those listed on page two.

Members who attended the foreign fire insurance meeting voted on several items. Other members were delegated the responsibility to follow up and make purchases where authorized.

The Municipal Consolidated Dispatch Center is coming along. The target date for transferring into it is June 15th, 2017. Currently an Executive Director is being advertised for.

To be as uniform as possible in the Division the Battalion Chiefs have been issued white coats and black bunker pants.

The Division has moved several of its MABAS resources to different locations. A current list is posted and Schiller Park will now maintain the light tower. We will be responsible to getting it to the scene when necessary like other resources.

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.

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:

Lt. Budnik is working with Sensit Gold to have our monitor repaired. He is also looking at budgeting for a replacement.

Lt. Budnik is replacing older radios that we have budgeted for. The Village approved the purchase of five radios. If we do this by December 1st, they will add a sixth for free.

Engine 5 was sent out to Cummins diesel where a fuel pump problem was found causing the engine to not always start up. The repair is \$2,800. Tony was also notified that additional work was found that he believes can be done in house.

Tony was also able to repair the heat problem on Tower Ladder 5. During these cold weeks heat is a necessity.

Added to the ipads for maintenance is the new light tower which will be stored at 4499 25th.

To prevent any water damage, all the multi bank portable radio charging units have been moved to the north wall by the desk on the apparatus floor.

Chief Chiodo is limiting the use to calls and incidents only for Tower Ladder 5. We are trying to reduce any additional wear and tear as it is up for sale. Please use 458 for inspections and other non-incident activities.

Lt. Budnik completed work on the SCBA replacements. He has been able to work an extraordinary deal and price. It will definitely be state of the art.

Anyone wishing to order a shift calendar 11X17 should sign up by December 5th in the kitchen.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

An update on PM Jim Davis. He is still home recovering from surgery. He is anxious to get back to work at both his primary job and here. He hopes to be back by the New Year.

PM Jim Francouer has submitted his resignation as one of our part time paramedics. He was recently promoted in Chicago to Ambulance Commander.

Lt. Swiontek and Chief Cesaretti have provided all paramedics with the new IMPACT program concerning billing

and medicare. All personnel will need to be registered.

Per Loyola System Memo, Gottlieb hospital will no longer be doing obstetrics patients. Please make sure that we contact Loyola with the nature of the call to go to the correct facility.

During a routine weekly maintenance check we found that the tires on Ambulance 5 needed to be replaced. Tony made the arrangements for new tires.

Because of age and condition, the Division has decommissioned the EMS trailer. In its place the division has issues RED trauma bags each capable of handling 20 plus patients. The thought is that engines and fire companies will be on scene first and now be able to triage and handle multiple patients without having to wait for someone to bring out a trailer. Schiller Park will have a bag on both the engine and truck. A division guideline was issued. See Lt. Swiontek for info. The bags will go on the rigs by January 1st.

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.

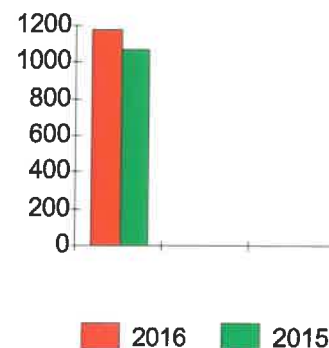
We would like to remind all personnel that when they are exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, that you check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 109 emergency calls. A total of 108 patients were encountered. 85 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	109	1285
ALS Transports	54	572
BLS Transports	31	261

Refusals/MPR's	13	235
Other Non Transports	4	48
Fire Responses	7	164
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	50
SHPK to others	6	78

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).

FF/PM Bertoncini has completed the window installation and is working on the trim work. He completed all the aluminum caps on the outside of the windows.

Lou also replaced the tile at the top of the firehouse staircase where two tiles were broken. He used bull nose tile which is rounded on the front so that no tripping or broken tiles should be avoided.

Members also re-painted the exterior door to the deck which had become scratched moving furniture into the firehouse.

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

FF/PM Bertoncini added a switch and new lighting in the loft. This will eliminate having to turn the lights on in the tool room to illuminate the loft. The additional lighting also will get rid of the glare and dark areas in the loft.

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

November Trivia

Mars built limited edition rotary lights for Civil Defense (CD) fire and rescue trucks. What were the two purposes intended for?

One was to clear traffic and the other as a visual light. The white light to alert members as to the location of the CD vehicle, if a Still and Box was pulled they would activate the yellow light, if the alarm was elevated again the red light was also activated thus all three rotary lights would be activated.

No correct answers were submitted.

December Trivia

Which Chicago Mayor is credited with inventing the fire hydrant?

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.

Cook County Department of Homeland Security has suspended all funding for classes that were held at NIPSTA. This included the 12 upcoming classes. They are re-evaluating how they want to disburse money for training. As soon as we hear more we will let you know.

This past month members completed the State Fire Marshal classes-

Chief Chiodo and Battalion Chief Cesaretti completed Instructor III in the State Fire Marshal program.

Chief Chiodo participated in the Firefighters Pension seminar in Addison.

Lt. Swiontek completed the Fire Officer II program for Tactics and Strategy II.

FF/PM Jackson participated in the Division 20 Honor Guard ceremonies for Vetrans Day.

FF/PM Dehmlow completed tank car specialist in hazardous materials training in Pueblo, CO paid for by the government.

FF/PM Velasco and FF/PM Miletta both attended Responder Intervention Team Rescue Technician in Champaign.

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 508 hours of training for the month with 24 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 as our Employee of the Month Director Eric Oscarsen of the Public Works department.

Eric is very instrumental in moving forward with Public Works by using some of the latest tools and technology for tracking requests and information. His programs that he has developed and brought to Schiller Park not only track requests but make it easier to budget for the following year. Moving into the computer age also allows other departments access to a wealth of knowledge and lets other departments share using the PW platform.

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 322 inspections.

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.

B/C Hatcher has re-aligned the Bureau with team shift inspectors. He has met 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.

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.

Members will be participating in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing December 21-23 at Walgreens.

Members participated in the Santa Winter Wonderland at the Community Center. Members assisted Public Works in the set up and on the date managed the bon fire.

Members also attended the Winter Band concerts at Lincoln School and the Winter Chorus Concert.

B/C Leiser and FF/PM Miletta participated in Operation North Pole. This is for challenged children and was held in Rosemont. (see photos)

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.

Retiree Row

As mentioned above we are sad to inform our members of the passing of

Ray Schalkowski a former paid on call.

Another of our personnel Jimmy Ziebka notified us that he will be an old time when he turns 65 this month and he will become a grandfather for the fourth time.

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.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association hosted their annual Christmas Party on December 4th at Tuscany. Santa made an appearance to all the children present with toys.

Gold shift held its annual Christmas party with bowling, food and libations. (see photos)

For more information see the flier in the kitchen or contact one of the Association officers.

The Association hosted the retirement party for PM Jenkins on the 20th at the Comfort Suites. It is the end of an era when our last full time civilian paramedic retired. See photos.

Stork Report

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

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

Letters and Notes

of the respect shown one of our former members.

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 continues to work on revising the Village disaster plan. It is 287 pages and is being reviewed by the Village Board prior to being submitted to Cook County Homeland Security.

We are also working on the County EOC website with training scheduled in December at Dominican University.

We are working on a grant for 3 AED's to be placed on our vehicles. While we had budgeted for these we hope to get them paid for through the grant process.

We are applying for a grant from Firehouse Subs for a zodiac boat, motor and trailer. We hope to replace the one stored at the water tower which is cumbersome and not practical.

We continue to move forward with the 9-1-1 consolidation. The steering committee is working with all three communities and our consultant.

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...

Spend your energy looking for solutions, not excuses.

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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- Gold shift Christmas Party (L to R) J.Leiser, Kady, Zydlo, Bertoncini, Leao, Neimand, O'Leary, Hatcher, [kneeling-Piculas])

Page 8- Fatal accident Irving and Bobby

Page 9- Santa Visits the fire department family at the Association Christmas party

Page 10- Department Association Christmas Party Group picture= (L to R) Fr. Schultz, Dehmow, Jackson, Maher (ret), Neimand, Swiontek, J.Leiser, Kady, O'Leary, Schneider, C. Leiser, Warden, Bertoncini, Jenkins (ret.) Hatcher, Lange, Zydlo, Leao {kneeling L to R} Piculas, Velasco, Farias, Cesaretti, Santa, Bubis, Kosar, Jimmy "Z" (ret)

FF/PM Miletta and B/C Leiser at Operation North Pole with Santa



