

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 October 19th when Black shift responded to the toll way with an Engine to assist Berkeley with a traffic accident.

October 22nd had dispatch send our engine to a rubbish fire along River Road. FF/PM Santiago in charge of the engine, arrived and found a car had pulled over when they saw leaves smoldering along the curb. A water extinguisher was used and the motorists thanked.

The next morning the engine was dispatched to a local hotel where an 8 year old child dead bolted the hotel room locking out his parents. When the son would not answer the door they called the fire department. Our engine crew used our “W” tool to gain entry and found that the boy was sleeping and did not hear the knocking or commotion.

After shift change Gold shift took in a call for smoke coming from a garage. On scene B/C Hatcher found an outdoor fireplace being used and the cause for the smoke appearing to be coming from the garage.

Lt. Leiser on October 24th was the on duty fire investigator when Bellwood requested a Box alarm for investigators. Lt. Leiser assisted with the fire investigation.

Later in the shift members were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash. Engine 5 arrived on scene with ambulance 6 and found that one person needed extrication. Using the hydraulic tool the person was removed from the car.

Next the crew took in a fire alarm in a condo complex. On scene the shift was met by a contractor who had just

installed a new furnace and when he fired it up it activated a detector.

A caretaker watching an infant became locked out of the apartment on October 25th. The infant was on a respirator and the caretaker was panicking when Lt. Budnik and his crew showed up. The engine crew used the “W” tool on the door jam and were able to gain access.

A multi car crash on the 26th had four cars involved and the need for an additional ambulance from Rosemont to transport. A total of three transports were made.

October 30th had another multi vehicle crash with three vehicles involved. B/C Hatcher and the crew had moderate to severe damage and air bag deployment. Schiller Park and Chicago Police Officers were on the scene. Extrication of the occupants was being performed while additional ambulance was requested to this location.

After clearing this scene, Engine 5 was sent to a stalled elevator. There was a power disruption that after restoration was able to move the elevator and check for trapped passengers.

Halloween had our Tower Ladder respond to Franklin Park for a fire. Chief Chiodo was also due. On scene of the commercial building was a compactor fire on fire with smoke extension into the building. The sprinkler system was activated. The compactor was dragged from the building and while Franklin Park was fighting the fire, Schiller Park shut down the sprinkler system.

Chief Leiser and Black shift took in a transformer fire on November 2nd and trees burning. Pulling up on the scene Black shift found balloons tangled in the wires shorting them out. Dispatch notified Com Ed of the issue.

Red shift on November 3rd changed quarters to Bensenville when their companies were tied up with a fire. En-route Engine 5 was re-routed to take in an ambulance call. After the completion of the ambulance call. Lt.

Budnik and the engine returned to Bensenville's quarters to stand watch.

November 4th had Black shift take in arcing wires. Lt. Swiontek arrived and had our dispatch notify Com Ed.

They next responded to a fire alarm at a hotel where they were told that while re-modeling was going on a construction worker inadvertently pulled the fire alarm.

Red shift was called to the scene of an odor similar to natural gas in the basement. All occupants were accounted for in front of the building and levels on our monitors indicated a 17 to 21 % of the LEL. The shift found the end of a gas pipe uncapped. The valve was shut off and a PPV fan used for ventilation.

Tower Ladder 5 and Battalion 5 were requested on November 7th to Stone Park for a basement fire. Our truck company entered the basement and began overhaul and a secondary search.

Black shift on November 8th responded to a person stuck in the elevator. Lt. Swiontek and his engine arrived and were met by police. Try before you pry is an old adage in the fire service and by simply pressing the elevator request button, the door opened and the person removed.

Chief Cesaretti on November 10th and red shift took in a car crash. It was a "T" bone crash that necessitated the need for an additional ambulance from Rosemont for transport.

Election Day November 11th had our personnel respond to arcing wires. On scene at a plant, a representative stated that a heater hanging from the ceiling caught fire when it was turned on. He stated that they put it out immediately. There was no fire extension and the electricity was turned off.

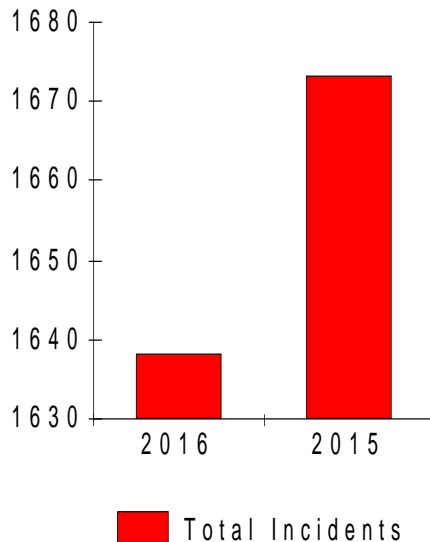
A fire alarm at a condo building on November 21, 2016, had members respond. The fire investigative crew found burnt food on the third floor setting of the alarm.

The last call for the reporting period

was on the 12th for an odor of natural gas. Monitoring the inside and outside of the house nothing was found. Members then checked the outside of the neighbor's home and found a leak coming from their meter. NICOR was called to the scene to make repairs.

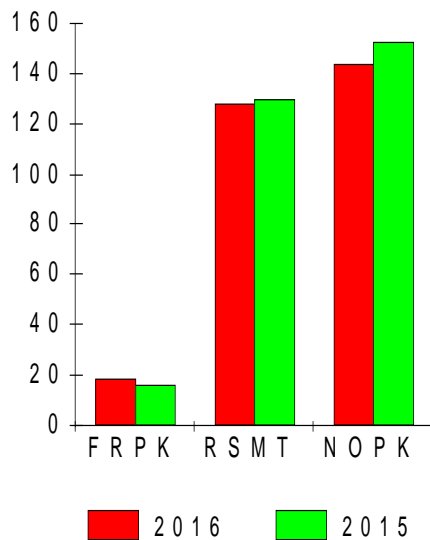
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Total Incidents



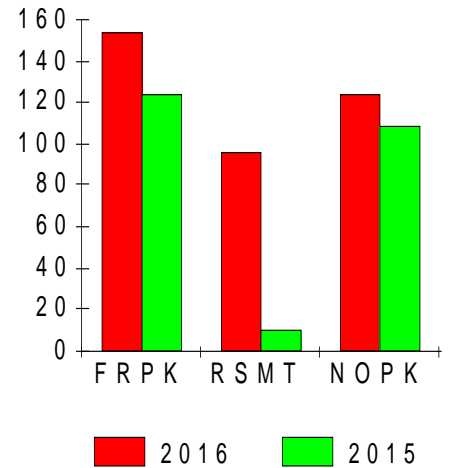
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2016	2015
Total Incidents	1638	1673

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	18	16
Norwood Park (NOPK)	143	152
Rosemont (RSMT)	128	129

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	154	124
Norwood Park (NOPK)	123	108
Rosemont (RSMT)	96	10

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission has exhausted its current eligibility list. A new written test was given with only seven candidates passing. They have set dates for the agility to be held in December. We have 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.

The Police and Fire Commission have sworn in FF/PM John O'Leary as our newest FF/PM badge number 74. John began on November 1st and is currently assigned to Gold shift. John will attend the NIPSTA academy in January.

Our congratulations to Chief Doug Domback who was appointed the Fire Chief in Bellwood. Doug was promoted from Captain to Chief. He will remain on shift for a few more weeks.

Our condolences to the Leiser family on the death of Charles V. Leiser. Charlie Sr. is the dad of battalion Chief Charlie Leiser and grandfather of Lt. Jeff Leiser. Charlie Sr. was the first paid firefighter for Schiller Park, Badge number 1, and it's first paid Fire Chief. Charlie Sr. devoted over 29 years to the Schiller Park Fire Department and its residents. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Our prayers and thoughts also go out to the Montana family on the passing of former Mayor Anna Montana. The department participated in the funeral with a walk through and in the funeral procession. Mayor Montana served in public office for over 30 years. May she rest in peace.

Also passing away was John "JJ" Jaeger. JJ was a volunteer with Schiller Park prior to becoming a fireman in Franklin Park where he retired as a Captain. He then went on to become a battalion Chief in Lincolnwood. JJ requested that there be no funeral or services.

A reception is being 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 like to attend please see Chief Chiodo so that we can RSVP

Also in the news our very own FF/PM Jackson, a member of the Division 20 Honor Guard, participated in the Veterans Day celebration at West Leyden High School. He was interviewed by the Franklin Park Herald Journal where he was quoted as saying, "It's important to show our respect and gratitude for our service members currently serving". Anyone else looking to join a team representing our department in the division should contact FF/PM Jackson.

Our department Chaplain Fr. Schultz was in the November 16th episode of Chicago Fire (see Photo).

You may have noticed that the Village flag has changed. The color light blue has replaced the dark maroon.

Belated congratulations to Patrol Officer Chris Jordan on his retirement. Chris retired after more than 30 years. Chris wore many hats including helping with the Division 20 fire investigators as a certified Arson Investigator. Chris has retired to Tennessee with his wife.

The Village has made available to full time employees flu shots. If you were unable to get one you can use your insurance card at Walgreen or Mariano to get one free as part of the preventative health care wellness program.

The Village has published an updated list of the approved gas stations for fueling. One major change is that Marathon is no longer approved and CITGO was added to the Approved side.

We would also like to welcome Kim Jenkins as one of our new part time dispatchers. Kim is the wife of retired PM Mike Jenkins. Welcome aboard!

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 looking at replacing older radios that we have budgeted for. The Village approved the purchase of four radios. If we do this by December 1st, they will add a fifth for free.

The air leak on Engine 5 was also repaired this past month.

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 is working on the SCBA replacements. We have budgeted for half to be replaced this year and the other half next year. He has been able to work an extraordinary deal and price. It will definitely be state of the art.

The Bensenville Fire Protection District will be changing dispatch centers. They have decided to go to AC DC (Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center) for their needs. No

date has been set yet. AC DC is building a completely new center in response to the State mandated consolidation of dispatch centers.

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

The Village worked on the water and plumbing this past month. The leaking pipe problem in the basement has been rectified.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

I would ask that anyone interested in knowing the origins and foundation of the Illinois Paramedic program with Dr. Zydlo, please obtain the book "Dead in Six Minutes" by Paul Ciolino. As the Chief mentioned a book signing will be held on December 1st, see the Chief for RSVP information and location.

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.

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.

In order to track and account for spare equipment. The EMS locker which was formerly in the loft has been moved to the Administrative/EMS office.

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

We also were informed from the Secretary of State that all of our part time paramedics must possess a minimum of a Class C license to operate the ambulance. We are in the process of providing the additional training and driving hours to those not

currently meeting the requirements.

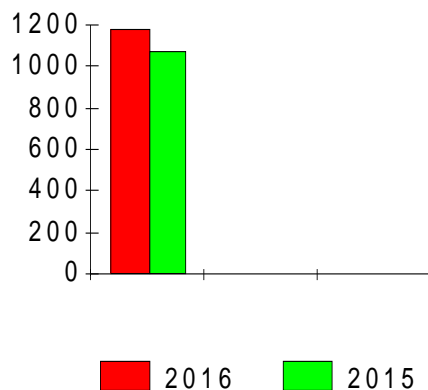
When at the hospital as a matter of habit please check to see if we have any backboards that were left there from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

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 115 emergency calls. A total of 114 patients were encountered. 70 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	115	1176
ALS Transports	45	518
BLS Transports	25	230
Refusals/MPR's	23	222
Other Non Transports	5	44
Fire Responses	17	157
CPR Students taught	0	38
Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	45
SHPK to others	4	72

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. It should be completed by the time you read this.

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

October Trivia

What light was designated by State Law to only be used on fire apparatus?

The Mars 888 light had a stationary housing but the light whipped around up and down and side to side.

No correct answers were submitted.

November Trivia

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

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.

We have purchased an entire new set of books for the fire lieutenant exam. The titles were provided by the Police and Fire Commission. They are being kept in the rear Training/FPB/Public Relations room. These materials

should not leave the station. See Chief Cesaretti with any questions.

The majority of the department has been trained by the State with the Traffic Incident Management program. For those unable to attend, Chief Cesaretti will follow up with a possible train the trainer.

This past month members completed the State Fire Marshal classes. FF/Pm Jackson, FF/PM Chung and FF/PM Kady all completed Fire Apparatus Engineer. Chief Chiodo completed Training Program Manager and FF/PM Santiago completed leadership II. Chief Chiodo also attended the Fire Safety Alliance meeting in Woodridge.

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 344 hours of training for the month with 18 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 Battalion Chief Mike Cesaretti. The second person is FF/PM Warden.

Chief Cesaretti was instrumental in getting our department to purchase Target Solutions for our Training Division. This has been a very wise investment as we are at the forefront with the State Fire Marshal. After Chief Chiodo went to the Training Program Manager class, we realized how much further ahead we are than other departments in the area.

Several other departments are in the process of evaluating the program or purchasing it. Many of these departments have sought out Chief Cesaretti and his expertise in running the program, importing and exporting information. Other training officers have visited Mike in Schiller Park to help set up their programs.

Chief Cesaretti has kept us at the forefront of training in the division and in the fire service.

The second nominee is FF/PM Warden who coordinated the Open House. The Open House had over 200 attendees and several vendors putting on demonstrations and with displays.

This was by far the most successful Open House that we have had in 27 years. FF/PM Warden made us proud to serve the residents and businesses of Schiller Park. She said that next year's will be even better.

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

The 5 story super sign at 9950 Lawrence which covered the entire building façade for Com Ed has been removed. Our fire prevention bureau had some concerns about seeing anyone needing to be rescued and

for occupants trying to get help.

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 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.

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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.

Members attended all schools during Fire Prevention Month with FF/PM Warden and Schneider coordinating the programs based on grade levels.

Members all participated in the Fire Department Open House. On hand were vendors and demonstrations. Hot dogs and chips were served to attendees.

We also were able to assist the Village and Knights of Columbus as we honored our Veterans with a Pancake Breakfast.

Members also set the fire and served hot chocolate at the annual Pumpkin Smash (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.

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Retiree Row

As mentioned above we are sad to inform our members of the passing of Charles V. Leiser. As a founding member he helped build a department from scratch when it was a difficult transition to a full time department. Some of his lasting legacies were the addition of two more generations of firefighters to our department.

Other retirees who attended the wake and funeral services included Chief Deegan, EMSD Nosek, Lt. Anderson and PM Jenkins.

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. i

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association is looking to host their annual Christmas Party on December 4th at Tuscany. 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.

FF/PM Velasco has indicated that the house fund has everyone paid up.

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!

We have also heard that Battalion Chief Leiser will become a grandfather again. His daughter Jaime will have her second child in January.

Please forward any info of upcoming Stork Visits.

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Letters and Notes

A note was received from Cmdr. Hintz of the Division 20m Honor Guard thanking us for the privilege of being at the wake of FF Charles Leiser Sr. and for the help of

members FF/PM Dehmlow, FF/Pm Warden, FF/PM Loch and FF/PM Jackson.

The American Red Cross also sent a note thanking us for our hospitality.

Phyllis Steiner sent a box of donuts thanking the paramedics and in appreciation for their kindness from an incident on October 22nd.

Our final note came from the Montana family

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 for November.

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.

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- Fr. Schultz In the Chicago Fire episode Nov. 16th.

Members tend the fire at the Pumpkin Smash

Page 8- PM Jenkins receives his retirement gift at his retirement party.

Page 9- FF/PM O'Leary is sworn in at the Village Board meeting