

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 February 15th when Red shift responded to a person trapped in an elevator. Members arrived and found a person stuck on the 6th floor. The power was shut off and lock out tag out procedures instituted before removing the person from the elevator.

After shift change on the 15th Gold shift responded to high voltage wires down due to a cross member failure on the pole. Com Ed was notified and members cordoned off the area.

Gold shift returned to quarters and was then dispatched to Park Ridge on the Box Alarm for the working fire. Battalion 5 and Truck 5 were sent instead of our Engine.

February 16th saw an automatic fire alarm in a hotel. Members of our fire investigative team were met by hotel personnel who directed them to the lower level basement where the smoke was coming from an incinerator. A positive pressure fan was used to clear the area.

Gold shift on the 19th responded to a police assist call. A car had hit a gas pump and a tow truck was in the process of extracting the car. The police request was precautionary and no further problems were encountered.

A residential lockout on February 20th had our crew respond to help. After determining it was the actual persons residence, the engine company was able to gain entry through the front door.

The 23rd saw Red shift take in a call for a garbage truck who took down wires. This is a common occurrence in one section of town and members

instinctively knew it was on Garden Court. Members found the truck where they expected under 3 wires. After determining that they were not “hot” members were able to lift the wires and help him back out. Public Works placed “horses” to block the alley until repairs could be made.

Next up a rollover motor vehicle accident occurred on 25th Avenue. Upon arrival Lt. Budnik (Acting B/C) found 2 vehicles with one on its side. A hose line was deployed and members attended to the injured. A tow truck arrived to upright the one car.

February 26th had a gas leak inside a building. Everyone was evacuated and the building manager indicated that a fork lift truck hit the gas meter. The fire department controlled the leak by shutting down gas to the building and ventilating.

Black shift took in the call for a person hit by the car on February 28th. The scene was protected by the truck as the person was treated and transported.

A fatal crash in Berkeley along the I-290 had Berkeley Command request Battalion 5 to the scene to assist in management of the scene. B/C Cesaretti responded to help with Operations. (see photos)

A call from one of our schools for smoke in the area on March 2nd had Gold shift respond. School Officials indicated that the origin of the smoke was from the exterior on an adjacent residential street. Members determined the origin was from unauthorized burning in a residents backyard in a fire pit.

The next day Black shift received a call from Dispatch for smoke coming from a garage. Battalion 5 arrived first and reported heavy smoke from the garage. Doing a 360 degree walk around, B/C Leiser found that it was rubbish behind the garage and the owner was burning branches. They were ordered to extinguish the burning.

River Grove requested our assistance

on March 4th with a gas odor. Battalion 5 and Truck 5 responded when no River Groves units were available.

While members were training in Franklin Park on March 5th, a report of a fire on the northside came in to dispatch. Chief Chiodo knowing that he was closer than the fire companies took in the call. As he pulled up to the scene with Battalion 5, they found that a propane company in town was actually purging their tanks and the 20 foot high flame was a controlled release.

March 6th had a report of a semi-truck on fire on the toll way. Gold shift responded and found a semi on the shoulder on the road. Speaking with the driver he told Battalion 5 that there was no fire but that he was doing "regen" with the truck. This is necessary with newer diesel trucks using DEF.

A medical alert on March 7th had Lt. Swiontek and his crew of the ambulance and engine respond. They met the potential patient who said she accidentally set it off and there were no problems.

Red shift took in a call for a car fire on March 7th on the toll way Balmoral ramp. On scene our Engine and Squad were met by toll workers who indicated there was no fire but an electrical issue. They were in the process of disconnecting the cars battery.

An automatic fire alarm on the 12th had our fire investigation team find burnt food in garden apartment set off the fire alarm in the hallway. No other problem was found and the area was aired out and alarm reset.

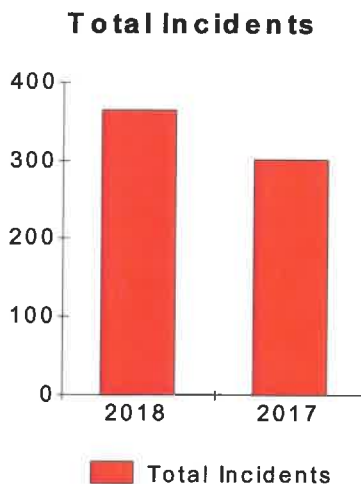
Later in the shift units responded to a rollover on I-294. Simultaneously Berkeley also responded and was able to arrive prior to Schiller Park. Berkeley was in the process of patient removal as we arrived. Our ambulance took over patient call and transported.

On March 13th Red shift was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash

with rollover. A pin in response was requested and on scene four cars were involved. One of the drivers fled the scene and Schiller Park paramedics triaged remaining patients and transported.

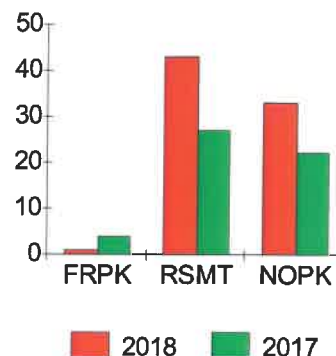
The last call for the reporting period occurred on March 14th when Elmwood Park requested a Technical Rescue Box Alarm for a car that went through a building. Chief Chiodo responded along with Technical Rescue Specialist FF/PM Santiago. On scene they assisted Elmwood Park in determining the extent of damage as the driver plowed through the rear load bearing wall and the remaining wall was bowed out. Additional resources arrived to determine structural stability. The TRT team further assessed and an engineer was called to the scene.

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



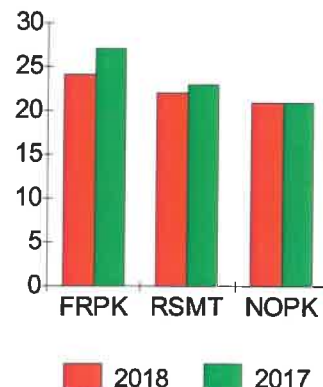
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of February 28th "To":

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of February 28th "From":

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	364	301

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	1	4
Norwood Park (NOPK)	33	22
Rosemont (RSMT)	43	27

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	24	27
Norwood Park (NOPK)	21	21
Rosemont (RSMT)	22	23

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

We are in the process of updating all of our Standard Operating Guidelines. I also have amended and added to our General Orders including our Callback Alerting Policy, Time Coming and Battalion 6 going in service. Please check with your Officers or in shared drive.

The Division Police and Fire Departments have been working very closely this past month on active shooter training and policies. This will ensure some consistency throughout the area. NFPA 3000 will soon come out also addressing this topic. Please be safe and use appropriate safety gear and measures when needed.

The Cmdr. Paul Bauer Bill recently passed in Springfield also extends to Firefighters and Paramedics the ability to own and possess ballistic vests and helmets. This amendment was added at the last minute because of the need to protect 1st responders besides police, security and military personnel.

The Village has approved the purchase of 2 new MDT's to replace our 11 year old models. B/C Leiser has placed the order and they should be here shortly. They will go on the ambulances.

The pension board has sent our ballots for pension board elections of the seat currently held by Blaine Schneider. Nominations are also being accepted. Blaine has indicated that he would like to be re-elected.

The Fire and Police Commission has had its 2018 Rules and Regulations adopted by the Village Board. They are in the shared drive and each member in Target Solutions signed off on them.

The Commission has concluded the oral interviews for entry level Firefighter/Paramedic and will have a list posted by April 2nd.

U.S. Healthworks has been purchased by Concentra. We will continue to use them for work related injuries. Current forms will still be accepted until the new injury forms arrive.

I am pleased to announce that the Operations Committee has nominated FF/PM Bubis as the 2017 Firefighter of the Year. Because of his work and dedication, they felt it was a just in him receiving this honor. He will be presented with the recognition at an Appreciation Dinner on March 28th. The Lions Club will also present him with a recognition.

Our congratulations to new Fire Chief Jack Giuffre who has taken over the post in Stone Park.

Our sympathies to B/C Leiser and Lt. Leiser on the passing of Jerry Mattio. Mr. Mattio was the father-in-law of B/C Leiser and grandfather of Lt. Leiser. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you both and you families.

Our thoughts and prayer are also with FF/PM Kady who had his grandfather pass away this past month.

Lt. John Delong from Broadview is retiring after 33 years. A walk out was held March 29th. Capt. Pellicori (Hillside) is retiring after 38 years in the fire service.

Chief Chiodo was present as a fire department representative as East Leyden broke ground on their new construction project for a new pool, dining facility and new classrooms for the 21st century. Construction will take one year.

Chief Chiodo was also present at the Village Appreciation breakfast for the

Senior Citizens March 22nd. Over 200 Seniors were present.

B/C Leiser has applied for grant through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. We are applying for a grant for a secondary set of turn out gear as a safety concern over contaminated equipment. A second grant for a vehicle was upheld due to family medical issues in B/C Leiser's life.

We are also looking at the OSFM small tool grant program for a posi check and porta count machine.

A third grant is from Com Ed that we are applying for looking at additional battery operated hydraulic tools. Keep your fingers crossed.

We are still trying to sell Tower Ladder 454. We have it listed on 15 brokers besides Ebay, State Fire Marshal and Govdeals.com.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

FYI, NICOR is raising the rate for natural gas to its customers. It is the first rate increase in 10 years.

We have also been informed by the toll way that both northbound ramps to I-294 will be shut down from June until November. Detours will be posted. I expect that we will have to enter northbound for calls and incidents at the northbound Oasis.

A number of changes to tools was made on Truck 5 to better access tools and make it more functional. Before the changes were made all three shifts had a chance to comment.

The cellphone on Battalion 5 was replaced when the old one failed to work. All info was transferred to the

new one.

Tony was able to repair a coolant sensor on Engine 5. He then repaired a air pressure not holding on Truck 5. Tony replaced the broken door panel on Battalion 5, marker lights on Engine 5 and its windshield washer gasket.

The Division requested that Light Tower 20, which we house, go to Certified Fleet for its annual preventive maintenance. It has since returned. All charges were to the Division and not Schiller Park.

The Lithium battery on the SawzAll on Truck 5 was replaced. Likewise the Plug and Dike on Engine 5 was also replaced.

As a reminder, DO NOT RUN any vehicle in-house connected to the air exhaust system.

We had our Water Department rod out the hose tower this past month.

We finally got our APEX 8000 radios. One has been placed in Battalion 5. This is an interoperable radio.

We also purchase a small wet/dry vaccum for the vehicle interiors.

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

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

The County has distributed through Loyola Medical Center Narcan to our Schiller Park police officers. They have been trained in when and how to use it to help reverse the effects of opioid use. A review of their policy was assigned to members in Target Solutions.

Lt. Swiontek set up the annual preventive maintenance for all of our Like Paks and AED's.

We are starting our new semester with Loyola and Triton EMS students

riding. Please welcome them and help teach.

The Mayor and Village Board are distributing magnets with File for Life information on them. While this does not supercede protocols, it is a tool that may be useful. (see photo)

Loyola is aware of the nationwide shortage of 1:10,000 epinephrine. If a Loyola hospital does not have correct dosage contact Sue at Loyola. Also double check all medication.

Lt. Swiontek would like to remind everyone who does EMS reports that ALL incident numbers are seven digits.

Loyola is jointly working with a vendor on having a mobile stroke intervention unit available. We will stay in contact with them to see if this tool is an option for our residents and workers based on where it may be housed.

Please check to see if we have any backboards that were left at hospitals from patient transports. This will help retrieve them and cut down on the time they are out of service and unavailable.

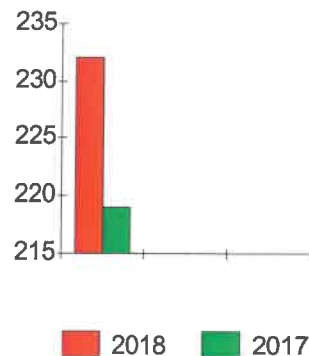
When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 147 emergency calls. A total of 138 patients were encountered. 96 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	123	123
ALS Transports	44	44
BLS Transports	26	26
Refusals/MPR's	33	33
Other Non-Transports	6	6
Fire Responses	14	14
CPR Students taught	1	1

Mut. Aid to SHPK	5	5
SHPK to others	8	8

EMS Total Responses



Projects in the Works

All the shifts are encouraged to take on new challenges. If you have a project or an idea, please pass it on to your Officers.

What's in the works? –

- Painting the outside overhead doors red
- New water cooler/bottle fill station
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

February Trivia

In 2004, over 300 people died in a supermarket fire in Asuncion, Paraguay? Why?

The owner locked the doors as he was afraid that people would leave without paying.

A number of correct answers were submitted. Thanks to—Mayor Piltaver (ret.), Chief Belmonte (WECH, ret.), POC Quinn (ret), Jimmy “Z”, and Off. Stoffel.

March Trivia

What attributes do the eight points on a maltese cross signify?

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.

A number of members have been working diligently in obtaining different State Fire Marshal certifications.

FF/PM Santiago taught our department Ice Rescue during a live ice rescue drill.

We also received from the Office of the State Fire Marshal a 2018 list of approved courses that we can teach in house. See Lt. Leiser for further info.

We are also hosting a 2 day SCBA technician class in May. We have three members signed up with one slot being comped as a result of hosting the event.

Lt. Budnik has posted the hose testing schedule for 2018. This will be done as a training event for all members.

All three shifts had the ability to attend the driver simulation training provided by our risk management carrier IPRF this past month. It was an opportunity to test your skills.

Lt. Leiser has set up training with METRA to do training on their passenger rail cars and locomotives. This will be held on April 2-4th at 1PM. All fire, police and public officials are welcome to attend.

Lt. Leiser attended the Division 20 fire investigator training.

FF/PM Dehmlow and FF/PM Loch both attended the Division 20 Hazardous Materials training.

FF/PM Jackson attended the Division 20 honor guard training.

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.

We have also set up a matrix on when fire investigators should be called to an incident. It will provide a guideline as to calling for additional off duty and division investigators. It is a flow chart that Lt. Leiser will train the shifts on. As the Lead Fire Investigator for Schiller Park, Lt. J. Leiser should be notified of all incidents.

We 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 225 hours of training for the month with 21 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	21	225	49	480

B/C Cesaretti is also authorized by the State to administer exams. As a proctor he must give the State notice and obtain the secure exams. Therefore you cannot approach him and expect to be given an exam on a short notice.

Please fill the Outside Training Form on Target Solutions whenever you attend a class, seminar or training session outside of Schiller Park. This allows for accurate record keeping in those areas and credit for the hours you put into training.

Signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment. If you can't attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employee of the Month Administrative Professional Dee Casey.

Dee was given the task to take over the Annual Fire Department Report and she not only coordinated all the content but then edited it and sent it out to the printers.

A great big debt of gratitude goes out to her in making this look very professional. This benefits our internal members and those seeking information on-line or through the hard copy versions.

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 completed their 2017 inspections and started their 2018 inspections. Each shift has 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

Some of the highlights for 2018 in the Bureau include sending out a courtesy letter several weeks prior to the actual inspection. On the list will include the most common violations that we find. This is intended to be educational and give the business the opportunity to do some housekeeping and understand the inspectional process. It will also elaborate on the rationale of violation and to come into compliance.

The Village of Schiller Park has requested the Postmaster to split an address 4136 United Pkwy into units A and B. The tenant did not need all the square footage and as the building was divided another tenant would officially need a separate address.

Business licenses will also be double checked that the business complies with the code. Members are to check with Kara Blomquist prior to going out on inspections to verify that applied for and were issued a current license.

Members of our department are working with putting Pre-Plans on our Mobile Data Terminals (MDT'S) in our vehicles. They will be found in the GIS map section.

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.

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.

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 n 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.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

Members participated in the annual Dr. Suess reading night March 7th at Kennedy school. FF/PM Warden had several volunteers to read at night.

April is NO Texting and Driving Month. Please take the pledge not to text and drive.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Village will be March 31st at Kennedy Park. Members will escort the Bunny to the park and help with the hunt.

Members also participated in the Schiller Park Bark where the Bunny visited all our furry friends with treats March 25th.

FF/PM Schneider is looking into a program to provide carbon monoxide detectors to residents similar to the program we partnered with the Red Cross for smoke alarms.

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

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

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

This month we want to pass on retirement news from some of our neighbors.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) who has been hired as a part time inspector in Community Development. As he liked to say, "Seen um come, seen um go, and seen um come back again." Welcome home Dan.

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

Members are in the process of planning the 2018 year of activities and fundraisers.

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

Foreign Fire

Many of the items authorized were purchased in the last month. Some of the equipment authorized including the multiforce air lift bag from Paratech will be here shortly. Because of a back order issue, they will provide us with their demo until ours arrives in June. The check for the year 2017 totaled \$23,385.

Letters and Notes

We received several notes and thanks you's this past month. They include:

A thank you from the Berkeley Fire Department for our assistance on the fatal crash on I-290 and providing additional support.

We also received thanks from the Broadview Fire Department for our assistance this past month with providing a Chief on the scene of their extra alarm fire.

Emergency Mgmt.

B/C Leiser and Trustee Deegan are working with the Village Officials in completing any necessary NIMS certification. This is necessary for future funding opportunities. Some tabletop drills will be planned for the Spring.

Chief Leiser provided the Final version to the Village Board of our Emergency Operations Plan. It is 287 pages and has been approved at a Village Board meeting. It will now be submitted to Cook County Homeland Security.

A grant has been submitted for replacing additional MDTs for our rigs. Two were purchased this year and we are trying to update the remainder.

We are also working to clean up the mass notification system of old numbers, bad numbers, disconnected as well as updating all employees contact info.

And Finally...

The world was designed and built to overwhelm and astonish.

Deadlines

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

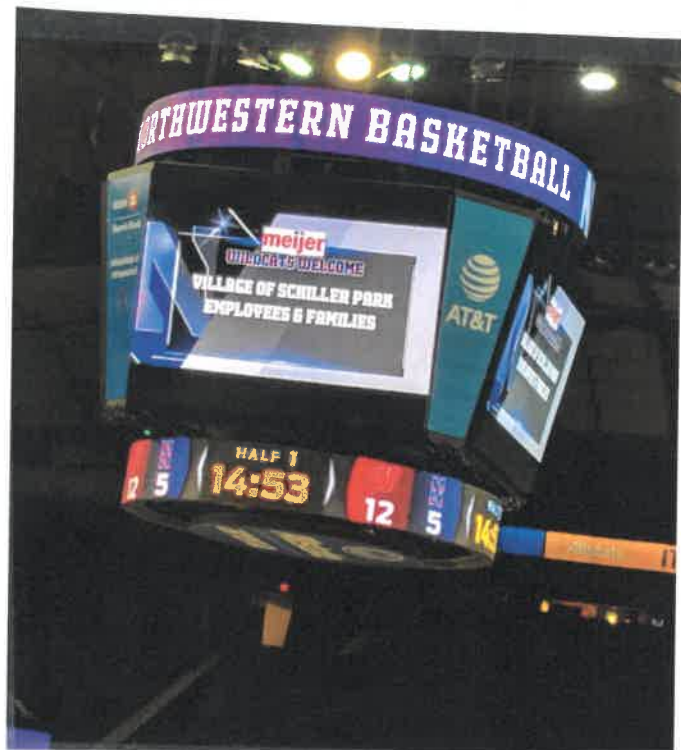
Pictures:

Page 7- Schiller Park Employees and their families are welcomed to the Northwestern Wisconsin Game at the Allstate Arena.

Page 8- B/C Cesaretti working as battalion 5 is called to assist with a fatal crash in Berkeley on the I-290.

Page 9- File for Life magnets distributed to residents.

Page 10 Jimmy "Z" catches a big one.







SMALL TOWN FEEL WITH A WORLD AT ITS TOUCH

Compliments of Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa & The Village Board

MEDIC TAKE NOTE

Name: _____ Sex: M F
 Address: _____

 Dr. _____ Phone: _____
 D.O.B. _____ Blood Type: _____
 S.S.# _____ Religion: _____
 Medical Ins. Co.: _____
 Policy#: _____
 Medicare#: _____
 Medicaid#: _____
 Health Care Proxy at _____ Hospital
 Living Will on file at: _____

MEDIC TAKE NOTE

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ - _____
 Address: _____

 Name: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ - _____
 Address: _____

ALLERGIES (check that apply)

- No known allergies
- Aspirin
- Barbiturates
- Codeine
- Demerol
- Horse Serum
- Insect
- Stings
- Latex
- Lidocaine
- Morphine
- Novocaine
- Penicillin
- Sulfa
- Tetracycline
- X-Rays
- Dyes
- Other

MEDIC TAKE NOTE

MEDICAL CONDITIONS (check all that apply)

- No known medical conditions
- Abnormal EKG
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Alzheimer's
- Angina
- Asthma
- Bleeding Disorder
- Coronary Bypass Graft
- Diabetes/Insulin Dependent
- Eye Surgery
- Glaucoma
- Hearing Impaired
- Heart Valve Prosthesis
- Hemodialysis
- Hemolytic Anemia
- Hypertension
- Hypoglycemia
- Laryngectomy
- Leukemia
- Lymphomas
- Malignant Hypothermia
- Memory Impaired
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Pacemaker
- Renal Failure
- Seizure Disorder
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Situs Inversus
- Stroke
- Vision Impaired
- Other

MEDICAL DATE as of: month _____ year _____

Medical Problems	Medication	Dosage	Frequency

Recent surgery: _____ Date: _____

Special conditions/remarks: _____

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