

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 May 16th when Gold shift responded to a dumpster fire behind an apartment building. This was the second dumpster fire at this location in the last month and our fire investigators found that it was set. Investigators also have a person of interest that we are talking too.

Later in the day a carbon monoxide alarm had Engine 5 respond. On scene members found that the chirping was due to a low battery and no problems existed.

The last call for the shift this day was for a propane tank on fire in the back yard. The fire department arrived and found a small propane tank on fire with no exposure problems. Truck 5 used their “silver bullet” to put out the fire with 2 ½ gallons of water.

Red shift on the 18th had a report of a chimney fire. Upon arrival they saw flames shooting from the rear of the house chimney. Engine 5 dropped a hose line and the building was laddered by Truck 5. Franklin Park Truck 2 entered the residence and began to throw salvage covers to protect the contents of the residence from any water damage. They also created water shoots to funnel water out of the building to again prevent any water damage. The fire was knocked down and the Thermal imaging camera was used to check the walls and flue pipe. Rosemont also threw tarps inside the structure followed by removing water with towels and shop vac. The owner was burning wood in the fireplace when they smelled smoke. He threw a bucket of water at the fire and went outside to see flames coming from

the chimney. Often this is the case when creosote builds up in the flue from “green wood”. This is a highly flammable fuel in the chimney that often ignites causing this problem with chimney fires.

A fire alarm on May 19th had Gold shift respond. The fire investigative team found burnt food in one of the units with surprisingly no one owning up to it. I guess it was mice cooking.

Black shift took a pin in call on the 20th on the toll way. The person was said to have been pinned in between their car and the barrier wall. On scene members could not locate the driver. Witnesses said he got out of the car. Searching the fire department members found that he got out of the car and went to jump over the jersey barrier. What he didn't know was that it was a divided median and he fell from the Bensenville bridge into the rail yard below. B/C Leiser called Franklin Park for truck 2 and Ambulance 2 to respond to the yard and the patient from above.

The 21st had the first of several personal medical alert medical alarm calls. Lt. Swiontek and his engine showed up to find the resident surprised that the fire department was there and then realized she set off accidentally her alarm.

May 24th next had Gold shift respond to a medical device alarm. The family met the crew outside and stated that it was set off accidentally.

An automatic fire alarm on the 25th had Lt. Leiser respond with Gold shift. The fire investigative team informed him that the alarm was set off by workers using a torch near a detector thus tripping the alarm.

Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) toned out a Pin In response on May 26th. Black shift arrived along with Rosemont and Franklin Park and truck 5 began extrication. After removing the patients both Schiller Park and Rosemont transported.

After shift change, Red shift took in a call for a car fire on the toll way. Pulling up to the scene members saw

no fire and were told that while the driver was heading southbound, they noticed smoke coming from the car. They pulled over and another car stopped and provided a fire extinguisher. He thought that maybe the car was overheating.

May 28th had another medical alert button depressed and Gold shift respond. This was the third activation in less than a month all separated addresses and all false calls.

A carbon monoxide alarm going off on the 31st had members respond to the location. No one answered the door and members of Red shift could hear the alarm going off. The firefighters saw the west side window open and placed a ground ladder to the window. Members ascended the ladder and found the smoke detector laying on the dresser going off. No smoke or fire in the unit.

Next up Red shift responded to smoke in the house in Park Ridge. Battalion 5 and Truck 5 responded and assisted Park Ridge.

Lt. Swiontek and Black shift start out on June 4th with a gas leak. Members could smell natural gas at the location. Our monitors and detectors were able to narrow down the source to above the dropped ceiling in the rear. Levels here reached 19.1% of the LEL. NICOR arrived and shut off the bank of gas meters feeding the affected location.

While the engine was at this location, Truck 5 and Battalion 5 were sent by MCD to Norwood park for a garage fire. Battalion 5 took over FIRE OPERATIONS and truck 5 was ordered to gain entry then after the fire was under control performed overhaul. Norwood park then requested fire investigators to the scene through a Box Alarm and Lt. Leiser responded to the scene to assist with the Origin and Cause.

June 5th had a few unique calls for Red shift. The first was for a school bus accident. Members found the bus on the median after colliding with a car. Students were all okay, car probably totaled, and while everyone

awaited the principal to sign off for refusals, Chief Chiodo noticed that they were from his alma mater grammar school in Chicago, Prussing, 42 years ago.

The next call came an hour later when MCD received a call for a garage fire in the "area". The shift responded to the general area and could find no fire. The caller told dispatch that we were near it (they were above looking down from an apartment building. After telling the fire department it was the house with the For Sale sign on it members went to the backyard to find that it was the pool heater that produced steam when rain hit it. No fire.

B/C Cesaretti and his crew took in a call for a car fire on June 9th. They found a car between two others with smoke coming out a window. The 1 3/4 inch line was pulled and the fire put out. Investigator FF/PM Bubis spoke with the owner who stated that she noticed the rear brake light melted in the morning and chose not to use this car to go to work in the morning. The investigation is now on-going.

After Red shifts tour of duty was done Gold shift took over and responded to an odor investigation. Tenants and firefighters smelled gas and traced it to a unit where the "W" tool was used to enter. The gas knob on the stove was slightly open with no flame. Horizontal ventilation occurred to bring levels to normal.

June 10th had Black shift called to the scene of a car in the river with entrapment. A Pin In response was requested by MCD. Battalion 5 was notified en-route that the two persons were out of the car. On scene the troops did find a car in the river and a tow truck was called to recover the car. The fire department stood by during this process until the car was safely removed.

Next up this tour of duty had Black shift take in a fire alarm. The investigative crew from the engine and truck found burnt food in the commercial kitchen set off the alarm with no further issues.

A well-being check on June 11th had FF/PM Niemand, in charge of the engine, and its crew respond. Police already on scene stated that repeated knocking had no answer. Forcible entry was made to the unit and both police and fire personnel found the occupant laying on her bed with no complaints. Schiller Park personnel asked her to call her son and let him know she was okay. Fire personnel also called the son to let him know that "mom" was okay, unharmed and had no complaints.

Returning to quarters, Red shift was soon dispatched for a stove fire. On scene the occupant stated that she was cooking in the oven when it started to smoke. She attributed it to a build up of grease from food that was caught in the drip pan.

Gold shift the 12th went to a fire alarm in a hotel. It also had a water flow gong going off. Members of the fire investigative team trekked up to the fourth floor to find the source and found a sprinkler head activated in one of the rooms. Water was flooding the room and the hallway and the sprinkler system for this area was shut down. Members helped with water control and removal and hotel personnel then took over the scene.

Gold shift then took in a call for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. B/C Hatcher and his shift found a small sedan with moderate to severe damage rolled over on its roof. Chicago also arrived on the scene for a joint operation Chicago transported one person from one of the cars and we transported the second cars occupant.

Gold shifts next job was for another fire alarm. This time the family stated that the alarm was due to steam in the shower in the bathroom setting off the alarm.

Wednesday June 13th had Black shift send Haz Mat technicians to Broadview for a Haz Mat Box Alarm. Lt. Swiontek and FF/PM Velasco both responded and aided in monitored the area. No further dangers were detected, and the premise was asked

to call a third-party contractor for cleanup.

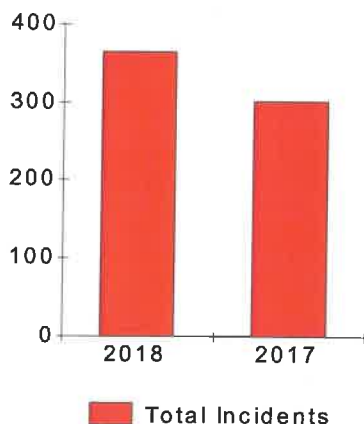
The 14th saw a resident call 9-1-1 when she locked herself out of her house and needed help getting back in. After verifying this was her home members and gaining authorization to force entry, members made a perimeter walk around and noticed a small basement window that a firefighter was able to climb through and open the locked door from the inside.

June 16th saw a carbon monoxide call which came from a third-party monitoring (burglar) service. A small leak was noted near the stove after levels reaching 20 ppm were found. NICOR was notified to come and check all appliances.

The last call of our reporting period occurred on June 17th when members again responded to an odor investigation. Entering the team noticed a chemical smell in the hallway. In one of the units it was determined that the resident was using drain cleaner causing the strange odor. The apartment was ventilated, and the resident was advised not to use this strong drain cleaner in the future. The resident was also asked to contact their landlord if the slow drain was a problem.

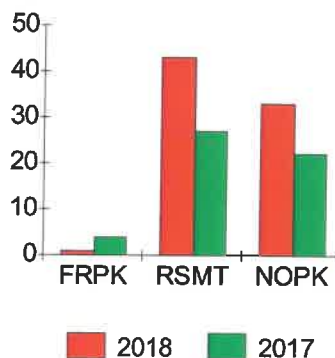
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:

Total Incidents



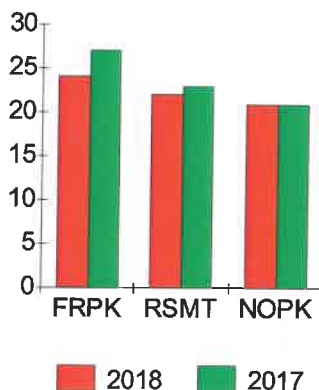
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of May 31st "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	910	794

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	22	9
Norwood Park (NOPK)	81	57
Rosemont (RSMT)	94	72

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	76	79
Norwood Park (NOPK)	60	61
Rosemont (RSMT)	70	68

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM Farias remains off duty because of an injury playing sports. He is in re-hab and we await from his doctors.

Our new Box Cards went into effect June 1st. We made changes based on staffing of mutual aid companies.

We are in the process of updating all our Standard Operating Guidelines. Approximately 50 are written and under review. I have given to the Staff for review and comment by July 15th.

I recently spent a Day with our legislators at Home Day at the Chicago Fire Academy. It was a chance for area Fire Chiefs to dialog about the continuing needs in the fire service. We also were able to state our wants to continue providing the same level of service.

Our department was also represented at the wake and funeral of Chicago Firefighter Juan Bucio. Juan was a Chicago diver who lost his life at an incident while searching for a person in the water. I encourage all firefighters to remember that each day we wake up and go to work for what we think will be a normal day. We sometimes forget the dangers associated with our job. Nothing is routine. It was a holiday, and we all have worked them, where we can feel sorry for ourselves working the holiday but in the blink of an eye something can go wrong. Let's watch out for each other and always tell our families we love them.

Our congratulations to Lt. Dale Johnson (FRPK) on retiring after 28 years. Dale will now work in their fire prevention bureau.

Also retiring is Capt. Sean Casey (Westchester) after 33 years of

dedicated service.

The Woodmen Life Company is looking to show its appreciation to First Responders by hosting a lunch on June 29th. They will provide lunch on the apparatus floor at 11:30 All three shifts are invited.

Schiller Park will have a combined celebration on Jul 1st with a parade for walking, pets and bikes that will end at Stalica Park with festivities. It starts at 11:00 and everyone is welcome.

We have two parades that we have been invited to for the 4th of July. Both Westchester and Elmwood Park are celebrating and would like a fire truck to be a part of their celebration. A sign up is in the kitchen.

The Division is looking at a night out at the Chicago Dogs baseball team in Rosemont. The team is a Class AA club, and this is their inaugural season. It will be held July 2nd and cost \$40 for the party deck including food and soda pop. Contact Chief Brehm in Franklin Park for tickets.

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

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.

Engine 5 (455) was found to have some corroded air valves on it that needed to be replaced. Tony was able to do this in house at a significant cost savings.

The Public Works Department installed a new pump in the hose tower. Chief Chiodo spoke with Mario and Paul Flood to see why we keep having back ups. They will look into having a sewer person put a camera in the line to see where the problem might be.

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

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...

We have put both the new Tough books on both Ambulance 5 and Ambulance 6. This should resolve a number of issues we were having with the older models.

With the advent of the hot weather it was noted that both of our ambulances needed tune up with their air conditioners. The repairs were made and we survived the latest oppressive heat in the upper 90's.

Ambulance 6 had the gear compartment repaired by Tony so that the door would close properly.

Lt. Swiontek also put in service 2 new Life Pak batteries on the monitors and we have completed mandatory Bloodborne pathogen training.

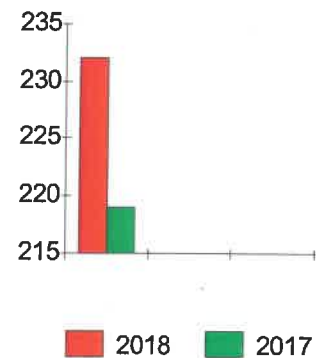
Loyola is also working on developing a new Emergency Room and has reached out to the fire departments that use LUHS to be proactive in developing and planning. It will be a new plan for the design of the EMS area. We will keep everyone informed.

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 122 patients were encountered. 91 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	147	598
ALS Transports	43	228
BLS Transports	48	133
Refusals/MPR's	21	105
Other Non-Transports	12	41
Fire Responses	23	91
CPR Students taught	5	7
Mut. Aid to SHPK	6	21
SHPK to others	10	28

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 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

May Trivia

In honor of the new Truck 2, when was the first appearance of an aerial apparatus in America and who patented the first operable and successful aerial.

The first appearance of an aerial apparatus in America occurred just three years after the Civil War. Daniel D. Hayes, a firefighter, with what was described as a machinists mind, patented the first operable and successful aerial in 1868.

Hayes aerial featured an extension ladder mounted on a horse drawn ladder truck with a spring assisted mechanism that raised the ladder to an elevated position.

One correct answer was submitted by Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka.

June Trivia

What event brought to the forefront the versatility of the Hayes Ladder Truck?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* to be eligible for the prizes. Winners will be selected randomly from all correct entries.

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

The training division has been active in defining and charting a course for our department.

FF/PM Miletta attended the Firefighter Safety and Survival class in Carol Stream.

Schiller Park also hosted the MSA training class this past month. We were able to get three of our personnel certified as technicians-Bertoncini, Velasco and Santiago. One of the spots was a free slot given to the host community.

FF/PM Dehmlow was able to attend the Swift Water rescue class in Yorkville. Brad is a member of the Technical Rescue team.

Members of our department doing joint training with Rosemont completed re-fresher classes in the Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification.

FF/PM Warden and FF/PM Miletta received their Ropes Operations state certification.

FF/PM Leao also attended Drone Pilot training as part of the new Division 20 Specialty Teams.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department reached out to us through PM Davis (CFD Instructor) about the use of the vindicator nozzle. They wanted our feedback and the ability to train with it. We loaned them our spare and they are testing and complying data that they will share with us.

The State Fire Marshal is transitioning to computer based testing. Twenty-five state written examinations will be available with this new process. As certification programs are revised to the updated NFPA standards, more examinations will become available. As with most of the revised programs, continuing education hours or points accompany the certification. Please talk to Lt. Leiser for complete information and requirements.

The State Fire Marshal has partnered again with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Any class that the Institute gives will have the end of class test count as the State certification exam. Other agencies delivering classes will NOT have the same privilege. You

will need to take a separate State test. See Lt. Leiser.

Members completed 646 hours of training for the month with 44 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/Classes	44	646	157	1952

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

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

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

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employees of the Month B/C Leiser and Lt. Swiontek.

Both of these men were instrumental in getting the new tough book lap tops and coordinating with ID networks, Zoll and Loyola to make sure that everything was integrated and ready to go for the ambulance reports.

We have had no new issues with speed, locking up etc. and we thank these men for the prep work, and follow through on this project.

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 are approximately half way through their inspections for 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.

We have been actively doing the fire hydrant flushing and doing fire flows in a grid type pattern so that we have accurate data. We have also gone out and done specific flows in areas where new businesses are looking to re-locate so they have accurate numbers.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working on many significant new development projects that will be coming or moving into town. With this progression we are taxing the bureau and any help that can be given to B/C Hatcher would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for members to go to advance training for Fire Prevention and Inspection/Inspector.

We have been notified by Knox Box that they are discontinuing several their products that at the end of their Life cycle. Please check with their memo if any are in question.

With the improvement from our ISO grading a letter was sent out to commercial subscribers letting them know our new classification and asking them to check with their insurance companies to see if their

insurance premiums will be affected.

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 sturtz 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 give 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 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.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

Members of the Fire Department participated in the annual Wall of Honor ceremony as 10 additional residents from Schiller Park were added on May 19th.

A River Grove firefighter and Fox River firefighter who recently had a heart attack on the job had a fundraiser that was attended by members from Schiller Park to help defray some of his expenses May 19th.

Also on the 19th Gold shift attended the "push In" celebration for Franklin Park Truck 2. This was an old fashion tradition where equipment is transferred to the new vehicle and the members push it back into the new quarters and retire the old vehicle.

Chief Chiodo attended the graduation of the Lincoln Middle school Class of 2018 held at the Stephens Convention Center on May 22nd.

At the other end of the school year Chief Chiodo and members of our department supported Kennedy school as they attended the graduation of Kindergarten on May 23rd.

Some upcoming events include the Wounded Warrior bike ride on June 22nd and the National Holy Name celebration on the 22nd.

With Summer approaching we are beginning to get requests for Parades. Schiller Park will have its 4th of July Parade on Sunday July 1st at 10:00. This will allow employees to have the official holiday OFF. Westchester is having a parade on the 4th and looking for our

participation. See FF/PM Schneider for info.

The Division is hosting a day at the Chicago Dogs baseball on July 2nd. The cost is \$40 for your ticket, party deck, food and soda. See flier in the kitchen.

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.

I Retiree Row

Please drop a line as to how any of our retirees are doing. This is an opportunity to let others know what you are doing and how you are doing, Please email to Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

Letters and Notes

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

We received an email from Miriam Webber who was very appreciative of the information on the Village Website Fire Department page. Her daughter and she recently accessed it for fire safety tips on a class project covering emergency safety. They were appreciative of us sharing and

A thank you note was received from Mike Deany on the thoughtfulness of members attending his father's wake. Mike is the Maintenance Supervisor for our school district and a friend to us.

The Fire Department received a thanks from the MCD dispatchers for the pizzas we sent them for Telecommunicators Appreciation Week.

The MCD dispatchers also sent thanks to Black shift who also sent treats for Telecommunicator Week.

Emergency Mgmt.

We are having meeting with First Net representatives over a new State approved communication system administered by either AT and T or Verizon.

B/C Leiser is also working on an MOU with Melrose Park ESDA for response assistance.

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 2018. The EOP is on the shared drive on our computers.

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 secret of happiness is as simple as a smile- the more you give the more you get.

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- Firefighters attended the Memorial Day commemoration at Lincoln School where the grade school children from Kennedy school sang patriotic songs honoring our military veterans.

Page 8 Members of Red shift participate with the Village Board, Knights of Columbus, Des Plaines Boy Scouts in the annual Flag Retirement ceremony held June 14th at Clock Tower Park.

Page 8 – Gold shift members participate in the Wall of Honor ceremony as 10 residents of Schiller Park were added to the wall for their service in the military. Members of the Village Board were also present.

Have a Safe Summer and Fourth of July!



