

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 December 15th when Engine 5 responded to an elevator rescue. Upon arrival the crew found 2 persons trapped in the elevator. After lock out ag out procedures were implemented, The engine used the elevator keys to gain access.

December 19th found Black shift called to the scene of a child locked in the car. Using their ingenuity and the car access kit, members were able to unlock the car and free the child.

After returning to quarters a call from a Housing Inspector for the Village had Gold shift respond for a carbon monoxide alarm activation. Engine 5 responded and monitored the buildings and found no elevated readings or cause for the alarm.

Lt. Budnik and Red shift on the 20th took in another CO alarm call. Arriving they found 2 persons outside waiting for the fire department. Entering the monitor began to show higher concentrations peaking at 80 ppm. The stove was shut down as was the gas line and the residents told to call a service technician.

Gold shift on the 21st responded to a trouble alarm. As Engine 5 and Lt. Leiser’s crew were investigating they found a power line down in the rear of the facility. Com Ed was notified as this was the cause of the alarm.

Just after midnight a 2 vehicle accident involving a car and mini van had multiple patients that needed attention and transport. B/C Hatcher requested a second ambulance from Franklin Park and a total of three persons were transported.

Next up Engine 5 responded to an indoor gas leak. The engine company met the resident who stated they smelled gas when they turned the oven ON. Members verified this and shut off the gas until a repair person could arrive.

December 23rd had Black shift take in a fire alarm in an apartment building. The fire investigation crew found a detector activated as the result of frying food in a pan.

A third party call from a daughter on December 23rd that her mothers home smelled of natural gas. Red shift responded and noted a strong odor of gas. Looking throughout the house members found the stove gas burner ON without it being lit. The knob was turned OFF. The mother did not know how the gas knob, valve, was in the ON position.

A possible structure fire call was received on December 24th. Pulling up to the residence there was Nothing Showing. The resident stated that the oven was on fire. The engine and truck crew entered and found that there was only burnt food in the oven no fire. The truck then proceeded to ventilated the unit.

While returning to quarters on December 26th, Truck 5 found an unresponsive person in a vehicle. MCD was notified to have a police officer respond and also a request for an ambulance from Franklin Park. Medical care was initiated until the ambulance arrived and the person transported to the hospital.

A fire alarm on December 26th next had Gold shift respond to the business offices. On scene the fire investigative crew was met by workers who stated that the alarm was due to steam setting off the alarm.

The year ends on the 31st with a fire in Maywood requiring a Change of Quarters to cover Maywood. Gold shift and Engine 5 relocated to Maywood and their firehouse on St. Charles.

After shift change and before the new

year, Black shift responded to a Life Alert alarm. Arriving the resident who was embarrassed set it off accidentally.

In the afternoon on the 31st, a call was received via 9-1-1 for a man on a ladder holding a television who couldn't get down. On scene members found a man holding a 50 inch television on a ladder. He was trying to hang it and was able to connect one side but not the other. He was then unable to remove the side that he had attached. Members assisted with removal of the television and getting him down the ladder.

In the enthusiasm of the new year had just before midnight a resident strike their Life Alert alarm, 11:45 PM. Black shift responded where the resident said it was an accident.

Our first unique call for the new year occurred on January 3rd. Gold shift responded to a 40 unit apartment building. The fire investigative team found an activated detector on the fourth floor with no reason. No one owned up to the incident in the hallway.

Gold shift on the 5th then took in another fire alarm in a multi-family building. Upon the arrival of fire companies, they were met by the maintenance manager who stated it was inadvertent and caused by plumbers who were repairing the buildings boiler.

January 7th had Red shift take in a call for a power line down and draped over a truck. Lt. Budnik and crew responded and found telephone lines hanging over the truck. They were moved and the truck relocated. AT&T was notified.

Later in the shift another wires down call came in near a park. Again Lt. Budnik and his engine arrived and found wire arcing in the playground area and sparking intermittently. They were not down. Com Ed was notified and Caution Tape placed across the area.

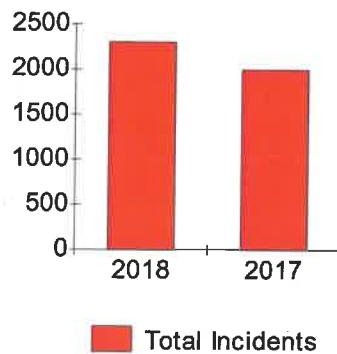
January 8th saw Gold shift returning from Training in Franklin Park when

they were dispatched to an accident involving a person struck by an auto. On scene Schiller park Police had a cyclist who was struck. Ambulance personnel assessed the bike rider and the driver.

Our last call for this reporting period occurred on January 10th when a fire in Bensenville in an apartment building had Battalion 5 and Truck 5 respond.

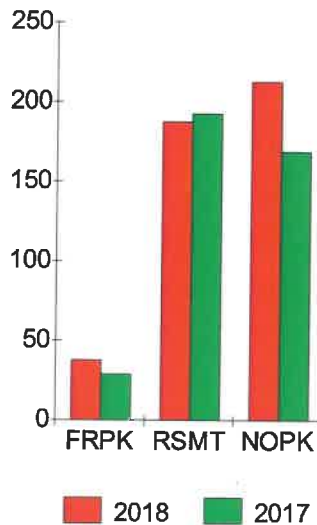
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2017:

Total Incidents



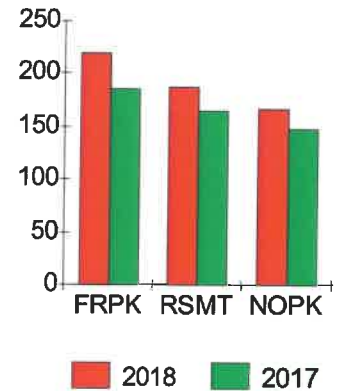
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of December 31st "To":

Auto Aid Given



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

Auto Aid Received



	2018	2017
Total Incidents	2311	2004

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	38	29
Norwood Park (NOPK)	212	169
Rosemont (RSMT)	188	193

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	220	185
Norwood Park (NOPK)	166	148
Rosemont (RSMT)	187	164

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission will administer the Fire Lieutenant written test on February 19th. The Orals are tentatively scheduled for April 8th and 9th.

We have installed new Mobile Data Terminals in Battalion 5, Truck 5 and Engine 5. These MDT's replaced units that were installed in 2010 and 2011. We have had great success with these new units and not dropping out.

Our congratulations go out to the Elmwood Park Fire Department who

recently promoted Mike Terzo to Fire Chief and Kevin Flaherty to Deputy Chief.

The Flip side of this is that there will be two retirements in the Division. Deputy Chief Kieran "Joe" Mackey from Rosemont retired January 17th. Joe was a full time paramedic with the Village of Schiller Park prior to him taking a position in Rosemont as a Police Officer/Firefighter. Congratulations on your service to all our communities. The second retirement is Chief Rob Hjelmgren from the Northlake Fire Protection District after 40 years. Rob's last day will be February 1st.

As many of you are aware the Toll way continues to dismantle the Oasis. The next portion to be removed will be the roof which will come down the week of January 21st.

We have heard from the State office about our low interest low for our proposed new fire truck. The woman in charge retired in November and her replacement will reconvene in January to review and continue the process.

There will be no shift changes for next fiscal year. B/C Cesaretti has been instructed to start circulating the Vacation and Personnel Day calendars.

We continue to work on our 2020 budget. A preliminary budget was shared with our staff. We will meet with the Village Manage, Finance Department and finally the Village Board to discuss, wean and come up with a final budget. We have tried to make the budget lean so that we can return to full staffing.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony installed a new primer motor on Engine 5. This allows for the engine

to draft if necessary.

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 Village Board has approved the purchase of the new Ambulance. The Ambulance committee has contacted the vendor and met with the engineers for the final design and modifications tweaking the plans. It will take approximately 3 months to receive and we expect it around the first week of April.

We were also fortunate to sell Ambulance 462 a 2007 unit. While the vendor offered us \$2,500 we were able to sell it on our own for \$13,000.

Loyola has provided some statistics on runs that you will find in this issue.

Please review the system memo from Loyola on the hours requirements necessary for re-licensing.

We have also replaced the battery in Ambulance 5 on the portable suction. A new battery for Ambulance 6 is on backorder.

We also have had our mechanic Tony install a HAAS alerting device on ambulance 5. This alerts drivers in the area of approaching fire/EMS apparatus. We will evaluate the results of this trial program with the vendor. The HAAS system is being installed by E-One and Pierce on all apparatus effective January 1, 2019. Norwood Park outfitted all their units. We are doing a trial pilot program to see if it should be installed in all units.

IDPH has issued a memo concerning the possibility of contaminated crack cocaine.

In order to keep the department at minimum staffing and within our fiscal budget, Chief Chiodo has asked Lt. Swiontek to use part time paramedics

as often as feasible. This is a short term solution until we can master the budget and see where finances take us.

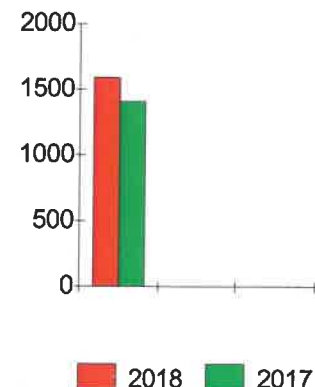
Lt. Swiontek and Donna Schmidt (Human Resources) continue to interview part time paramedics to help fill our need and void.

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 117 emergency calls. A total of 91 patients were encountered. 61 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	117	1585
ALS Transports	33	587
BLS Transports	28	358
Refusals/MPR's	16	286
Other Non-Transports	6	10094
Fire Responses	34	258
CPR Students taught	0	10
Mut. Aid to SHPK	9	78
SHPK to others	6	70

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 (rear done- proto-type)
- Mount association shirts
- Bell stand for ceremonies
- New floor covering for safety on apparatus floor
- 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

December Trivia

What is the vapor density of Carbon Monoxide and what is a common myth?

The Vapor Density of Carbon Monoxide is .968. This means that it is slightly less dense than ambient air (1.0). It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. A myth is that it is heavier than air

Three persons had the correct answers- Lynn Priess (wife of Chief Wally Priess (ret. SHPK), Jimmy Ziebka and Chief Belmonte (ret.WECH).

January Trivia

Schiller Park Engine 455 the Diamond Reo had a very unique light on the cab. What was it commonly referred as?



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.

Members of the department completed NFPA 1002 drivers training course and all specialty members attended their respective team meetings.

Many of the OSFM classes will require continuing education. Please review if any certification you hold requires Con Ed. If you would like to be certified in the future also check what the requirements will be. The OSFM is reviewing the required con ed in all areas.

All members are reminded that we

have a large chunk of credit at Triton College for classes for our firefighters. This was in exchange for our donation of engine 456. Please consider taking classes and earning your Associate degree at the minimum.

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 282 hours of training for the month with 20 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
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Drills/ Classes	20	282	307	4155
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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 B/C Leiser and FF/PM Chung.

B/C Leiser has assisted in the last month with doing special projects for the Fire Prevention Bureau and MCD besides his daily duties and running Emergency Management.

As such we had delegated these projects to assist B/C Hatcher in the Bureau that required extensive time and research above and beyond his normal duties.

These projects required coordination with Community Development, Administration and codes. Within the last month he was able to bring closure to these projects that satisfied all entities. With completion of these tasks it now opens up Charlie for the next set of special projects.

FF/PM Chung was given the assignment of trying to find different avenues to sell ambulance 462. Sam worked with the Village Assistant Manager and listed it on Govdeals.com and Ebay. One of these panned out and we were able to garner 5 times more than the ambulance vendor was willing to pay the Village for it as a trade in.

We commend him and his dedication to the best interests of the Village. If you would like to participate see FF/PM Schneider or FF/PM Warden for training in this specialty.

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 completed their inspections for 2018. They have now been assigned 2019 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.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working are 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.

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.

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 all three shifts joined with the Salvation Army during the holiday season and Rang the Bell. Our members raised over \$800 in donations with the Red Kettle.

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.

Retiree Row

This past month a number of retirees contacted us with their activities.

We received a Christmas card from the Mandziara's wishing everyone well.

We also received a note from Chief Preiss (ret.) indicating that his son who owns and races horses, honor Chief Preiss and all firefighters by designing new racing silks (see photo)

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:

A note was received from Operation North Pole thanking us for our participation. Over 75 families were helped this Christmas Season.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance meeting was held and members voted on the purchase of several items for the firehouse. Items included some upgrades to the kitchen, a vacuum cleaner and a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) bag for emergency operations.

Emergency Mgmt.

As reported three new replacement MDT's/ for our fire apparatus were purchased and installed..

The Foreign Fire Insurance also authorized replacement batteries for everyone from this fund for their portable radios and were distributed.

Association News

The Association participated in the Operation North Pole.

FF/PM Miletta is working on the 2019 charity fundraising and designs for the shirts that we will wear and sell.

And Finally...

Your time is way to valuable to be wasting on people that can't accept who you are.

Deadlines

he 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- Danny Preiss (son of Chief Preiss) honors his dad and firefighters with racing silks

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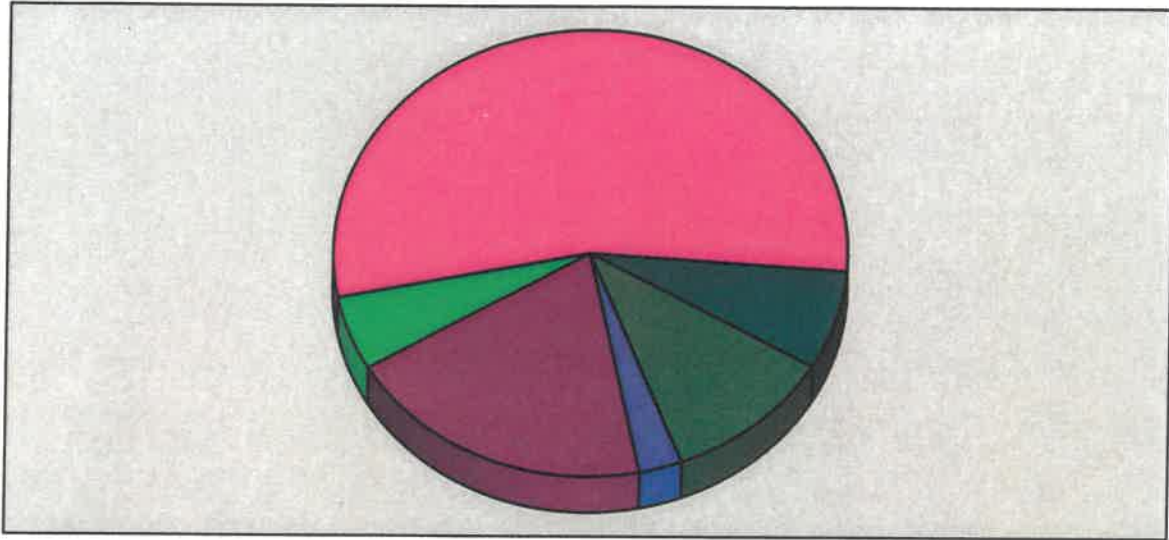
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Major Incident Types by Month for Date Range

Start Date: 12/01/2018 | End Date: 12/31/2018



False Alarm & False Call	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	Service Call
Fire	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Good Intent Call		

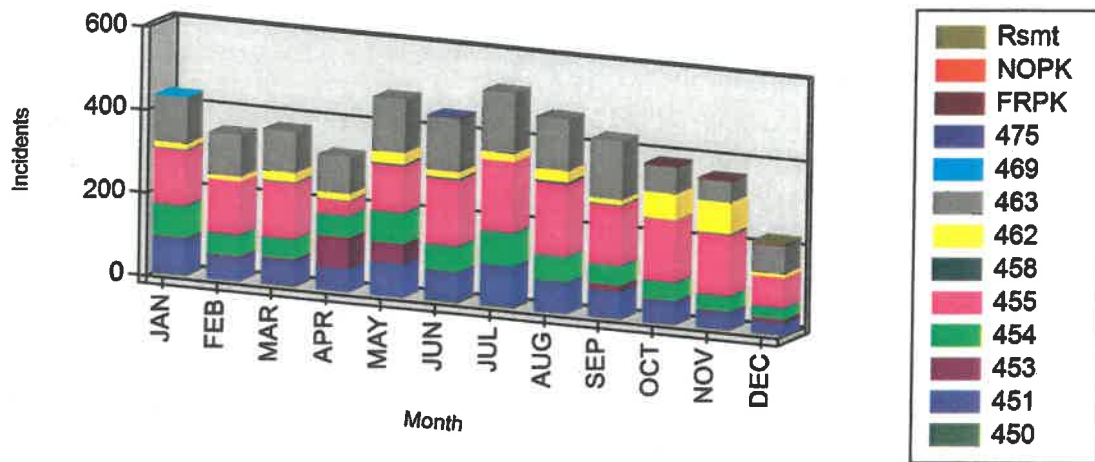
INCIDENT TYPE	DEC	TOTAL
False Alarm & False Call	12	12
Fire	3	3
Good Intent Call	22	22
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	6
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	61	61
Service Call	8	8
Total	112	112

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Incidents per Apparatus by Month for Year Year: 2018



APPARATUS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
450	3		3			4	4	1	2	1	1	1	20
451	87	59	60	57	81	71	100	77	65	55	43	29	784
453	3	3	5	76	50	2			16	3	3	11	172
454	77	51	48	52	74	61	79	61	47	44	36	27	657
455	134	130	135	36	113	159	173	175	145	150	147	73	1570
458	2		2	1	4	4		5	2	1	3		24
462	14	10	23	16	28	16	19	28	13	63	76	9	315
463	110	100	99	88	129	129	145	124	141	65	51	68	1249
469	2												2
475						1							1
FRPK										2	2	2	6
NOPK												1	1
Rsmt												3	3
Total	432	353	375	326	479	447	520	471	431	384	362	224	4804

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Minor Incident Types by Month for Year Year: 2018

INCIDENT TYPE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	SUM
Accident, potential accident			1										1
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition			1	1		2	2	2			3	3	14
Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	3	6	2		3	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	33
Controlled burning			1					1					2
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	10	4	4	5	5	7	7	4	2	5	3	1	57
Dispatched and canceled en route	27	24	18	17	32	15	24	19	26	25	17	17	261
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	3	4		1	1	2	1	3	2	2	4		23
Emergency medical service (EMS) Incident	99	87	91	83	117	110	146	127	117	105	117	58	1257
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition								1					1
Extrication, rescue	1	2	2		1	2	1	2	2	4	1	2	20
False alarm and false call, other	15	7	10	4	12	9	11	17	6	4	4	4	103
Fire, other				1									1
Flammable gas or liquid condition, other							1						1
Good intent call, other				1	1	2	2	1		2	1	2	12
Lock-In											1	1	2
Malicious, mischievous false alarm						1	1			1	1		4
Mobile property (vehicle) fire	2	1	1	1	1	1		2		1	2		12
Natural vegetation fire							1						1
Outside rubbish fire			1		2			2		1			6
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat, other							1						1
Person in distress	1	2		1		2	1	1	1	1		1	11
Public service assistance	9	8	9		12	6	5	6	11	7	6	5	84
Rescue or EMS standby						1							1
Search for lost person						1							1
Service call, other		1			1								2
Smoke, odor problem	1					1				1			3
Special outside fire					1								1
Special type of incident, other								1			1		2
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1	1	3	2	2	1	3			1	2	2	18
Structure Fire	7	1	5	1	3	2	1	7	5	5	3	3	43
System or detector malfunction	14	12	13	16	19	18	13	18	19	30	14	7	193
Unauthorized burning			1		2								3
Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	4	4	7	10	7	13	8	5	13	6	4	1	82
Water problem	1											1	2
Wrong location, no emergency found	1	1	1	1	1		1			2		1	9
Total	199	165	171	145	223	200	234	221	206	205	186	112	2267

System at a Glance



LOYOLA EMS SYSTEM ♦ DEC 2018

Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACOEP – Medical Director

Dawn Wujcik, BSN, RN, CEN, PHRN, TNS– EMS System Manager



SYSTEM RUNS

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2017	104,255
2018	101,961

Year to Date 2018

<u>Private Providers</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
ALS: 4,913	ALS: 20,181
BLS: 49,419	BLS: 20,451
Refusals: 17	Refusals: 4,351
Total: 54,349	Total: 44,983

Total: 99,332

SYSTEM PROVIDERS

Associate Hospitals	7
Municipal Departments	38
Private Agencies	13
Dispatch Agencies	7
Flight Program	1
Paramedics	959
Basics	729
EMR	24
EMD	257
PHRNs	10
ECRNs	271
EMS Lead Instructors	94

SYSTEM OPERATIONS

- Region 8 STEMI / Stroke Care
- Mobile Integrated Health Care
- Disaster Preparedness (RHCC) Region VIII
- Tourniquet Training
- Narcan
- Mobile Stroke Unit- Rush University
- Sepsis Screening
- eBridge

SYSTEM EDUCATION

- Continuing Medical Education (*monthly-for license renewal*)
- Paramedic Program
- EMT Program
- **Oversight of the following EMT Courses:**
(*LUC Lakeshore, Medex, TCD, Triton, Morton College*)
- Critical Care (CCEMTP) Course
- National Paramedic Refresher
- B-to-P Bootcamp
- ACLS
- AMLS
- ASLS
- ECRN
- GEMS
- PALS
- PEPP
- PHTLS
- TECC
- PHRN
- Dinner and Data- Quarterly

NORCOMM

2018 Monthly MABAS Totals by Type

Type	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q-T-D	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Y-T-D
Fire	3	2	5	10	15	6	7		38
Investigators	5	2	5	12	11	5	5		33
Ambulance	2			2	5	3	3		13
Dive/Water				0	1	1			2
Foam				0					0
HazMat		1		1	1	3	2		7
MCI				0					0
Other				0					0
Task Force	1			1			1		2
Tender				0					0
TRT				0	1				1
Totals	11	5	10	26	34	18	18	0	96