

Booster Line

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Our Mission Statement-

We, the Members of the Schiller Park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services.

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 St. Patrick's Day with an activated fire alarm in a condo building. Arriving units searching for the cause found that there was burnt food in one of the units and that triggered the fire alarm.

The next call was for a dumpster fire. A small 2 yard dumpster along the building was on fire. Members were able to move the dumpster from along the building to the parking lot area. A 1 ¼ inch line was then used with 100 gallons of water to put out the fire.

March 18th had Gold shift take in a fire alarm in an apartment building. En-route dispatch notified Battalion 5 that a resident saw smoke on the sixth floor. The fire investigative team met a representative of the fire protection company who was working in the building and said they were working on the sprinkler system and had no knowledge of any smoke or fire. Members made it to the 6th floor where they found that the "smoke" was residue from someone maliciously setting off a fire extinguisher in the hallway and stairway.

A reported outdoor gas leak on Red shift March 20th had Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 respond. At the location members noticed that a piece of

machinery being used by a landscaper to remove surrounding vegetation had accidentally struck and severed a connection on the natural gas line into the building. The engine company was able to shut off the gas to the building and begin monitoring the interior of the building and evacuation if necessary. NICOR was also called to the scene for the disruption on their side of the meter.

Gold shift on the 24th responded to a daycare center for the fire alarm. Arriving and speaking with a representative B/C Hatcher was told that it was in the lower level. Our investigation found that smoke generated from a worker using a grinder caused the activation of the smoke alarm.

March 25th also found a reported structure fire in Franklin Park. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 responded and were told to go to the second floor to check for fire extension and overhaul. Inspection holes were made and no fire extension was located above the main body of fire below. Truck 5 then helped load hose for Franklin Park to get them back in service.

Members of Red shift on March 26th took in a fire alarm where they found plumbers on scene sweating pipes with their torches. The heat and off gassing set off the detectors in the area.

Lt. Budnik and his crew next run was for a fire alarm with Strobe Activation as they arrived on scene. The crew was met by construction workers who indicated that they inadvertently set it off when they were cutting bricks.

FF/PM Santiago running the engine company on March 27th, was dispatched to a person stuck in the elevator in the office complex. At the location the elevator was found stuck on the third floor. After taking the appropriate lock out tag out measures and using the elevator keys, entry was made into the elevator.

Lt. Jeff "Stuck I the Mud" Leiser and his crew were called out late in the evening for a possible brush fire at a landfill. On scene a fire was

confirmed in the open field measuring approximately 100 X 30. Engine 5 used its booster tank and Lt. Jeff "Stuck in the Mud" Leiser requested Squad 5 with an additional 500 gallons of water. A total of 1,000 gallons of water were used. Soon Battalion 5, Lt. Jeff "Stuck in the Mud" Leiser found that the soft earth enveloped his engine and ambulance. A wrecker was called out who too became stuck in the mud as did Schiller Park's front end loader. Finally after four vehicles were stuck in the mud a tracked vehicle, a second wrecker and back hoe rescued all stuck in the mud vehicles.

B/C Hatcher responded on March 30th as the Chief Officer to a Hazardous Materials Box Alarm in Broadview. The Box was requested when an unknown chemical was dumped in a pool. B/C Hatcher supported the command staff and entry team in the isolation and mitigation of the incident.

Next up Gold shift responded to Park Ridge for a reported residential fire. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 responded to the scene. While in route RED Center re-directed them to cover the Change Quarter assignment until Park Ridge companies were in service and available.

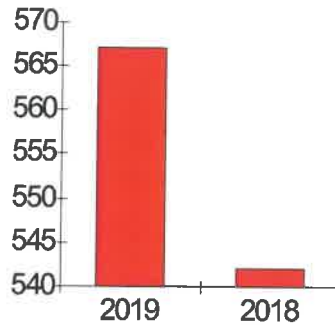
When committed to Park Ridge with fire companies an EMS incident in Schiller Park had Engine 5 and Ambulance 5 respond to the a Life Alert alarm. Meeting up with the resident she indicated that she accidentally set off the device and was okay.

March ends for our department with a fire alarm on the 31st in a multi family unit. The fire investigative team was directed to the trash room where they found a person using the hot water hose to do some cleaning had the steam set off the smoke detector.

The last call for the reporting period occurs on April 4th with an automatic fire alarm for Red shift in a restaurant. Members arriving at the shop found embarrassed employees indicate that they had burned the donuts.

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2018:

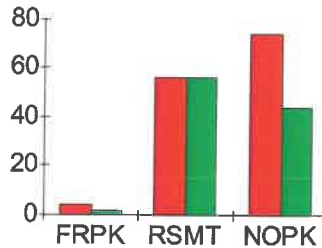
Total Incidents



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

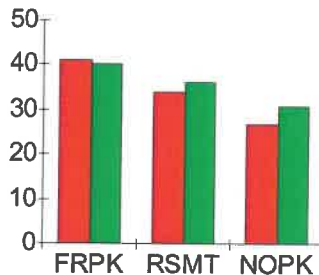
Auto Aid Given



2019 2018

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

Auto Aid Received



2019 2018

	2019	2018
Total Incidents	567	542

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	4	2
Norwood Park (NOPK)	74	44
Rosemont (RSMT)	56	56

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	41	40
Norwood Park (NOPK)	27	31
Rosemont (RSMT)	34	36

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

The Fire and Police Commission completed the testing process for Fire Department Lieutenant and have posted the results of the eligibility list. Congratulations to all four eligible candidates.

Mayor Caiafa has also sent a letter to the Fire and Police Commission to begin processing the next firefighter candidate. The Commission has contacted those on the list and are processing our next candidate. We hope to have them sworn in by the May 16th Village Board meeting.

Congratulations to Mr. Glen Rawski who was re-elected by his fellow commissioners to be the Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission for another year.

With the selling of Ambulance 462 we have been borrowing spares from Norwood Park, Franklin Park, and Leyden. Our new Ambulance has arrived and will be placed in service soon.

The Village has a new bank and a new provider for credit cards. ONLY department heads are authorized to use these cards. There will no longer be the former agreements with who on each department can use the account.

A new Village Tuition reimbursement policy is now in effect. It will supercede the Village Employee Handbook and now requires pre-authorization. Please review this policy prior to signing up for classes. Classes will ONLY be reimbursed with a direct impact to the Village.

Schiller Park was asked to be a part of the Haz Mat readiness team for the visit by Vice President Pence recently. The U.S. Secret Service made the request of our division to be on stand by. Kudos to our team members.

As part of Green Day the Village is working on additional initiatives for recycling. The fire department has been one of the departments at the forefront over the years. Now this push has been extended to other departments. Soon a new recycle dumpster will be placed in back of the Village and the carts moved to the Red Center and 4501. Recycling should be done in clear bags in the upright containers. What can and can't be recycled posters are throughout the Village buildings.

As everyone is aware we have a new budget for the 2020 FY. It was difficult for all departments to make cuts and stay within budgets. I appreciate everyone's support in the process and we will do our best to maintain service while still providing the best professional care.

The Village has activated Ventra cards to be used on mass transportation. If you need to use PACE or the CTA please see Assistant Village Manager Brian Bursiek (Commodore of the Fire Department Naval Fleet), to use. This can be used when attending Village business in the loop or other areas where you choose not to drive and use public transportation.

The State is hosting the 26th Annual Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in Springfield May 14th. If you would like to attend be at the Capital at 10 A.M.

A Shift Re-Assignment will move Lt. Budnik May 1st from Red Shift to Black shift where he will be the

Senior Lieutenant until further notice.

The Prospect Heights Fire Department has issued its new Box Cards for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. They have added us to their alarms on the 6th and 7th levels.

A memorial will be held May 25th for the first responders and agencies that responded to Flight 191 crash 40 years ago. Information can be obtained from Chief Chiodo.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Our new Fire Department composite picture now hangs in the hallway. Also, members who chose to have their individual pictures updated have been added to the "Shift wall".

We will soon be flushing and flowing testing hydrants. A pilot program this year will tag each hydrant flowed with information for fire use and water department use. A picture of the tag can be found in our photo section.

The re-generation for Engine 5 was completed by Tony Califati. This burns the excess carbon and particulate from the motor as part of the emissions process.

Tony also replaced the thermostat housing on Car 458 to have heat and defrosting. Also found during this process was a radiator leak which Tony also repaired.

The MSA Quad meter from Truck 5 was sent out for repair. The repair was slightly less than a new monitor. We replaced the monitor with a new Alt Air and quad meter was returned to battalion 5 from Truck 5.

Members who are SCBA technicians made a repair to one of our air packs number 17.

Lt. Budnik has posted the 2019hose testing schedule. As before the rack

will be tested first so it can be placed on the rigs as that hose is tested.

We are also providing wipes for cleaning the headsets and after incidents so that no carcinogens are on your skin. Ear plugs are also available on the gray table on the apparatus floor when using equipment. Please save your hearing!

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...

Our new ambulance has arrived and we are awaiting the installation of the radio. We have sent a letter to our Medical Director to have Loyola come out and inspect it along with the Illinois Department of Public Health. We are trying to expedite the process to have in service as soon as possible.

The Village Board has authorized a new ordinance raising the ambulance billing fees to \$1,900 across the board for BLS and ALS calls. They also raised the mileage fee to \$25 per mile. These recommendations were made by our billing agency based on similar accounts and departments in the area. Our last increase was in 2012. Please make sure that all documentation is in order for proper billing.

Loyola has updated their website with new versions of forms including drug exchange, ambulance inspection, non-transport vehicle inspection and controlled substance inventory.

Loyola has also made available on its website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

The status of Westlake Hospital is in the courts. If you have a request to go to Westlake or if it is the nearest appropriate hospital contact Loyola

Medical Control for further instructions.

We continue to host and teach EMT students from Triton College. Thank you for your patience and teaching/mentoring potential paramedics.

The old Stryker cot that the Village authorized us to sell was sold and the money will be applied to the new cot's 7 year warranty.

The portable suction has been repaired on Ambulance 5 and all of the department and Village AED's have been service with our annual service contract..

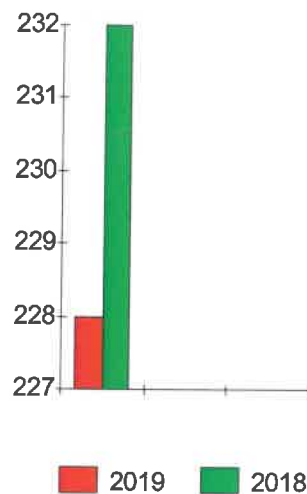
Lt. Swiontek and Donna Schmidt (Human Resources) continue to interview part time paramedics to help fill our need and void.

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 122 emergency calls. A total of 103 patients were encountered. 66 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	122	350
ALS Transports	42	126
BLS Transports	24	73
Refusals/MPR's	28	71
Other Non-Transports	4	18
Fire Responses	24	62
CPR Students taught	0	23
Car Seats Installed	1	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	1	14
SHPK to others	4	13

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? –

- Mount association shirts
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- Receive Division 20 asset
- new rear exterior service door
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor
- plaque for department ceremonial bell

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

March Trivia

The electronic siren was invented by 2 Motorola employees. Name them and how it was developed?

The electronic siren was invented by Motorola employees Ronald H. Chapman and Charles W. Stephens in the early 1960's. They used amplifiers, modulators and oscillators to make a much louder sound that that was then transmitted to a 100 watt speaker that was mounted on the roof of the vehicle.

Correct answers were submitted by Chief Belmonte (ret. WECH) and Jimmy "Z" Ziebka. These two are neck in neck in correctly answering monthly questions.

April Trivia

What was the precursor of the Tele-Squrt?

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.

The hose testing schedule has been placed on the training schedule for all shifts.

Members who are fire investigators

and need to get their continuing education hours in should see Lt. Leiser.

FF/PM Miltetta and FF/Pm Niemand attended the crude oil by rail class in Colorado. This was a fully paid expense class by the Federal government.

All members participated in the OSFM funded Ropes and Knots class in Franklin Park during their shifts.

FF/PM Santiago continues to work on becoming an instructor for dealing with Fire/EMS issues during active shooter incidents.

Lt. Swiontek attended the Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indy where Chief Chiodo and Lt. Leiser also participated in the vendor event portion.

We were suppose to host a Storage facility firefighting class this Spring in conjunction with Task Force training but low enrollment forced us to cancel.

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

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	31	356	72	1055

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 Lt. Greg Swiontek and FF/PM Blaine Schneider.

Both members along with our Village Mechanic Tony Califati made up the ambulance design, plan and implementation committee. After

countless meetings together with vendors, distributors a set of criteria were developed that went to bid. The Public Safety Committee weighed in and after approval by the Committees and the Village Board the contract was awarded.

Next came additional meetings, visits and inspections before taking acceptance of the new ambulance.

For their work we nominate them as our Employees of the Month.

Special mention also goes out to two other Village employees who showed outstanding abilities this past month.

The first is Foreman Joe Blum from the Public Works Department who helped rescue two vehicles that were stuck in the mud during a recent incident. He helped free the vehicles along with Lt. Jeff "stuck in the mud" Leiser. A great big THANKS !

Secondly, we would also like to acknowledge Cmdr. Dan Maher (ret.) now working in Community Development as an inspector who is getting some of the last holdouts with sprinkler connections to convert to stortz connections on the FDC.

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 started the 2nd Quarter of calendar year 2019 with their 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.

Motel 6 has now completed their sprinkler system and is now 100% sprinklered. It is a combination of a dry and wet system. B/C Hatcher has taken pictures that are available of the new system. A Knox box outside the sprinkler room was also added.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes.

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.

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 storz 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.

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

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.

B/C Leiser continues to visit the firehouse for coffee and chats. Hard to stay away after 38 years.

Cmdr. Maher (ret.) had lunch with his old shift (Red) this past month and commented that fewer of the new members worked with him when he was on shift.

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 request from the Recreation

Department to drive the Easter Bunny for the annual Egg hunt in Kennedy Park on April 20th will have the Bunny ride Truck 5.

Chief Smith from Prospect Heights requested us to assist his department by placing us on his Box Cards. It's a long haul but our help would be appreciated.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance will hold a meeting on April 30th. An agenda and requested items can be seen in the kitchen on the clipboard.

Members did approve paying for a portion of the water/ice rescue boat along with the Village. It was approved by the Village Board also and we have taken delivery.

Emergency Mgmt.

The Operations Committee will aid in deciding which Officer will assume these duties.

Association News

FF/PM Miletta has taken the order of shirts to be sold for this year's charity. Chief Chiodo will allow shirts to be purchased from members clothing allowance. They may be worn from May 1st as the Summer Class C uniform until September 14th.

The charity, The 100 Club of Chicago, provides assistance to members of area fire and police departments who are killed in the line of duty. A Top Golf charity event will be held June 21st. A donation of \$60 will include three hours of golf and food. More to follow next month.

I And Finally...

Failure is a greater teacher than success.

I 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- Most recent statistics on Firefighter Deaths (2017)

New Hydrant tags Pilot program 2019

Blast from the past- From left—FF Joe Hanlon (ret. RIP.), Jimmy Ziebka, Dep Chief RSMT (ret.) Mackey [former full-time Schiller Park Paramedic], and Chief Preiss (ret.) on a fishing trip to Canada 1980's

Page 8- Toll way razes home on Berteau for expansion, and removes O'Hare Oasis

Page 9-10 Four vehicles (Private vendor wrecker, front end loader, Ambulance and engine) all get stuck in the mud at incident

FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN 2017

The United States Fire Administration released their 2017 annual report on firefighter fatalities in the United States is now available:

- 87 firefighters (48 volunteer, 33 career and 6 wildland agency) died while on duty.
- 50 firefighters died from heart attacks.
- 40 firefighters died from activities related to an emergency incident.
- 17 firefighters died from activities at a fire scene.
- 12 firefighters died while training.
- 12 firefighters died during non-fire emergency duties.
- 11 firefighters died while responding to or returning from emergency incidents.

To read the full 2017 report: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/ff_fat17.pdf



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847-678 5136

Location: _____

Hydrant #: _____

Shift: _____

GPM: _____

Pitot Reading: _____

Static: _____

Residual: _____

@ 20 PSI Residual: _____

@ 0 PSI Residual: _____

Date/Signature: _____

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