

# BOOSTER LINE

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## Proudly Serving Since 1925

### **O**ur 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 September 16<sup>th</sup> when Red shift took in a fire alarm in a motel. On scene the members found that carpet installers were laying carpet and the dust activated the fire alarm.

September 19<sup>th</sup> next saw Red shift take in a call for wires down. On scene the wires were utility wires on the street and in the driveway. After determining that they were not energized, they were moved to the parkway and the street opened again.

A water flow alarm on September 22<sup>nd</sup> had Gold shift respond to the commercial occupancy. On scene the truck company found a sprinkler head activated above one of the ovens used in the processing of materials.

Gold shifts next call was for smoke coming from between two buildings. While en route Schiller Park Police reported that the smoke was from a BBQ grill. Arriving personnel were told on scene that food cooking in a pan and firewood was being used as a fuel source. Fire personnel told the tenant that this was unacceptable as an actual grill was needed not just wood on the ground.

After shift change FF/PM Bubis in charge of the engine was dispatched to a carbon monoxide alarm. Investigating the crew found that it

was not a carbon monoxide detector but a smoke detector. No Co was detected nor any smoke. The tenant was advised that they DID need a CO detector along with a smoke detector per Illinois State Statue.

A trouble alarm next had Engine 5 responded to the business where the investigation determined that water leaking into the alarm panel triggered the response. Knox Box keys were used to gain entrance and then secured.

Prior to shift ending on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Red shift responded to the toll way for a car fire. On scene a fully involved Land Rover was found with the driver who fled the scene according to Illinois State Police. Engine 5 pumped 500 gallons of water to put out the fire. The owner returned and stated the car was 10 days old with less than 300 miles on it. He said he lost power while driving and pulled over when he noticed smoke and fire.

September 24<sup>th</sup> had Black shift take in a fire pit fire. Engine 5 found a legal fire pit in the backyard and advised the owner to keep the fire at a moderate height and covered.

A reported structure fire on September 26<sup>th</sup> eventually was raised to the 3-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm) in a Public Storage facility. (Video can be seen on You Tube). A fire in one unit quickly spread to multiple units. Part of the reason was that the walls did not go to the ceiling level and allowed for horizontal spread. After a several hour firefight, the fire was under control. The area of origin was located and losses to one of the five buildings is over \$500,000. (see photos)

During the above structure fire, B/C Cesaretti and FF/PM Miletta responded back to the firehouse via Callback to man the firehouse for subsequent calls and responded with Melrose Park ambulance and a River Grove ambulance to a vehicular accident with injuries.

After shift change in the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>, an activated fire alarm in a condo building had all units

responding. The fire investigative team found that construction workers were cutting tile and the dust got into the smoke detectors setting them off.

Black shift returned to the scene of the ruins a few times to put out hot spots, continue overhaul and found in the rubble a leaking propane tank which they handled.

A resident smelled natural gas in the parkway on September 27<sup>th</sup> and called the fire department. Members smelled the mercaptin, odor added to natural gas to give it its distinctive smell, and called NICOR. The gas company said they were aware of the issue and had work orders on it.

A reception being held in a banquet room on the 28<sup>th</sup> had members determine that the DJ for the party set off the fire alarm system on Red shift.

September 29<sup>th</sup> had a Red shift responded to one of our extended stay hotels for the fire alarm. The fire investigative team located the room in the hotel and found that the occupant fell asleep while cooking and burnt the food setting off the detection system.

Their next call was for a trouble alarm. Engine 5 responded on the quiet and found a large roof leak on top of the alarm panel. The owner was called and notified and a make shift tarp tried to cover the panel to prevent further damage until repair personnel could arrive.

Red shift then went to a gas leak in the street where firefighters could smell and hear gas leaking. NICOR was called and said they were aware of this situation and had work orders on this location also.

As September winded to a close on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Black shift took in a fire alarm in an industrial park. The panel indicated that it was on the second floor northeast corner. The fire investigative team checked the area to find no issues.

A motel smoke detector going off on Black shifts next call was traced to a smoke detector in an electric room in building 5 of the complex.

Red shift started October on the 1<sup>st</sup> with a fire alarm in a condo building. Truck 5 found an activated heat detector in the laundry room and members were told that this heat detector was replaced the previous day by the alarm company. The manager will call back the alarm company.

Next up, Red shift responded to a lock out. The resident locked themselves out of their apartment. After verifying that they lived there, members were able to gain access through an open window and unlocked the door for the tenant.

Red shift then responded to a gas leak at an intersection in a residential area. Lt. Niemand had members use monitoring equipment in the area and NICOR was called. This is the same location where members were last week and NICOR indicated they had work orders on it. A follow up three days later through NICOR indicated that the digging crew had found the leak and repaired.

Gold shift on October 2<sup>nd</sup> was dispatched to Des Plaines for the fire alarm. Truck 5 and Battalion 5 assisted Des Plaines at this incident.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> saw some extreme thunderstorms pass through the area and as many know this means multiple fire alarms. One that Gold shift responded to found water from the roof cascading down the wall into the alarm panel. B/C Hatcher will follow up with business and alarm company.

Black shift on the 3<sup>rd</sup> was sent to the toll way for an accident. While responding District 15 State Police held us up as the call was not I-294 but I-290.

October 4<sup>th</sup> had a smell of natural gas at another residential intersection. Lt. Niemand requested NICOR to the scene to investigate.

B/C Cesaretti, Battalion 5, and Truck 5 responded to a reported structure fire in Franklin Park on October 7<sup>th</sup>. On scene truck 5 went to the roof to ventilate and later assist in overhaul.

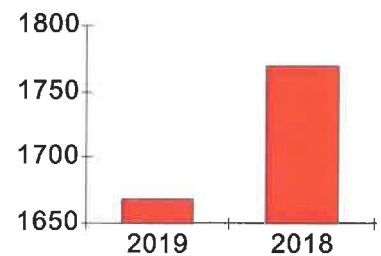
Their next Black shift, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the shift responded to the toll way for the brakes on a trailer on fire. The driver stated he felt the brakes rubbing and when he pulled over saw smoke and fire at the rear axle. He disconnected the tractor from the trailer and used his portable fire extinguisher.

The anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire October 8<sup>th</sup>, had Gold shift take in a fire alarm in a condo association building. Members located a construction crew working on the second floor and dust appears to have tripped the detector.

The last call for this reporting period was on the 9<sup>th</sup> where a truck and car were involved in an accident where the stop light was also struck and laying in the street. Medical personnel assessed the patients and IDOT was called to repair/replace the traffic signal.

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

### Total Incidents

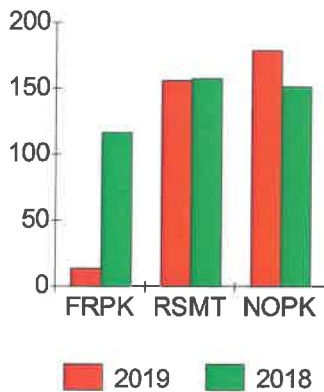


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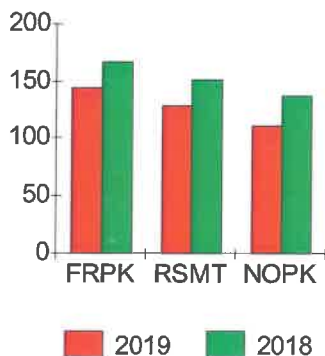
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of September 30<sup>th</sup> "To":

### Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of September 30<sup>th</sup> "From":

### Auto Aid Received



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	1,668	1,769

#### Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	13	117
Norwood Park (NOPK)	179	152
Rosemont (RSMT)	156	158

#### Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	145	167
Norwood Park (NOPK)	111	137
Rosemont (RSMT)	129	151

## Chief's Corner

### *We Stagnate When Caution Prevails*

We would like to congratulate a number of individuals this month.

First a congratulations to FF/PM Jessica Warden and her husband Brandon on the birth of their first child Edward Michael born 10-8-2019. Welcome to the world and your second family, our family The Schiller Park Fire Department.

Congratulations also go out to two new Deputy Fire Chiefs in the Division. Capt. Ned Thoma was promoted to Deputy Chief in Broadview and Cmdr. Claude Erlewein to Deputy Chief in Norwood Park.

On the retirement side Chief Al Wax from Des Plaines is retiring for the second time (previously Fire Chief retired Highland Park) October 21<sup>st</sup>. He was a leader and will be missed. He said that he will continue in some capacity in the fire service after leaving Des Plaines.

And on a sad note, Brian Bursiek, Assistant Village Manager, lost his father this past month. Our prayers and thoughts are with Brian and his family.

I have printed a clarification on the meal reimbursement policy. Meals will be paid by the Village if the class, training, seminar requires overnight stays where it is impossible to return home for the evening. If you have any questions please see me.

We are in the process of having several ordinances and resolutions passed in the next several weeks. These include one for Cook County Homeland Security and the Mitigation Plan, one for Medicaid additional reimbursement, Spiller Pay ordinance and a resolution for our OSFM fire truck loan. We should have by the November Village Board meeting a vendor for our new proposed fire Engine. I will keep you informed.

We are in the process of reviewing our General Orders which will expire in January 2020. We are also looking

at a review of Chapter 32 of the Millenium code dealing with the fire department and job descriptions.

## Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

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

Tony Califati has worked diligently on preventive maintenance and keeping our vehicles in service and a multitude of other projects for the fire department.

Tony made repairs to Engine 5 (455) by replacing the radiator hose.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

We have color coded all the trailer hitches to match the color code and size for MABAS assets. We also have purchased a multiple size ball hitch and a reducer so that we can interchange hitches with Battalion 5 and 458.

## EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

Lt. Swiontek has added the Zoll software program to the computer in the FPB so that reports can be accessed or typed.

Lt. Swiontek and HR Director Donna Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

With the start of a new semester, we soon will have EMT riders from Triton and possibly paramedic riders from Loyola.

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

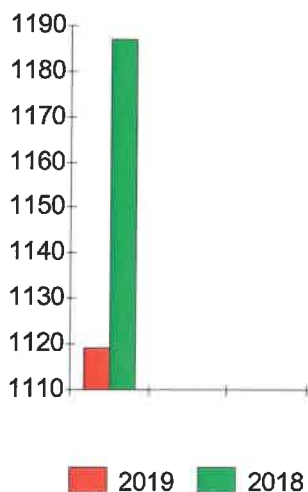
website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

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 138 emergency calls. A total of 116 patients were encountered. 73 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	138	1119
ALS Transports	41	412
BLS Transports	32	242
Refusals/MPR's	32	238
Other Non-Transports	6	46
Fire Responses	27	201
CPR Students taught	0	107
Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	8	53
SHPK to others	5	53

### 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? –

- Paint red and letter front overhead doors.
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- Receive Division 20 assets
  - Heavy Rescue
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor

## Trivia

### Answer to last month's Trivia

### September Trivia

How much water can a fire engine's booster tank hold and still be classified as an engine?

1,500 gallons of water.

One correct answer was received by Chief Belmonte (ret.) Westchester.

### October Trivia

What piece of apparatus is Daniel Hayes credited with inventing?

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 Division 20 Training Committee hosted a seminar on the Aurora Mass shooting this past February. Both the Police and Fire Chief presented on what went well and what they learned. The division is looking at both quarterly seminars and hands on training

An acquired structure on Wesley was used by the fire department for training this past month. After fire training which included hose lead outs, searches and ventilation training, the house was razed to make way for future expansion of clock tower park. (see photos)

Members also completed standpipe operations using a office complex in town.

FF/PM Velasco attended Structural Collapse technician and will test with the State.

FF/PM Dehmlow, FF/PM Rusciorelli and FF/PM Linehan all attended flashover simulator training.

Chief Chiodo, b/C Hatcher and FF/PM Warden attended the Active Shooter seminar hosted by the division.

FF/PM Santiago completed NIMS 300 training and will begin 400 soon.

FF/PM Bubis continues to work on Company Officer classes through the State Fire Marshal.

The State Fire Marshal will be coming in November to audit our training records. He will work with Lt. Leiser.

Team members also attended Specialty Team training in Fire Investigation, Drone Piloting, Honor



Guard, Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue.

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 381 hours of training for the month with 34 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:    Month   Hrs   Year   Hrs

Drills/  
Classes    34    381    224    2980

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 FF/PM Miletta and B/C Cesaretti.

FF/PM Miletta and B/C Cesaretti both returned to the firehouse on September 26, 2019 when it was toned out for a working structure fire. The fire in a storage facility eventually went to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm. As much as both members wanted to be apart of the fire attack they stayed in quarters with the Change Quarter companies and eventually took in two subsequent calls in town with mutual aid companies. It is always extremely difficult to stay behind when there is a fire in town but their actions promote the oath they took to protect and save lives and property even on the callback.

Honorable mentions also go out FF/PM Farias, FF/PM Rusciollelli and FF/Pm Cwynar who signed up and worked the Soda booth and Pierogi and Food this past month.

Our last Honorable Mention goes to John Bealer, Recreation Department Director, on coordinating the painting and upkeep to the Village Board room with his staff. It look great!

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

If there are any business license inquires, they should go through Dee at Community Development. They should not be going to the front office staff. All business license issues will be handled by Community Development.

As a result of learning from the Aurora Mass shooting, we will be looking into have businesses over 10,000 square feet number their exit/entrance doors similar to the markings the schools have. We will implement this at the beginning of the calendar year with the new inspection cycle.

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 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*

This past month members of our

Department began Fire Prevention Month and in particular Fire Prevention Week capped off with an Open House. More will follow in our next issue.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and

businesses in town. We also offer car seat installations. Both these programs are administered by FF/PM Bubis and appointments are necessary for planning and materials.

## 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](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).

## Letters and Notes

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

A note from the Kozaritz and Kopec family reads,

I just wanted to commend your fire department. On Saturday September 28, 2019 at about 10:30 my grandson and his fiancé were traveling south on Mannheim at Schubert (Leyden Twp.) when a vehicle traveling northbound came across the median and struck their car head on. They suffered very serious injured and are presently at Loyola hospital (undergone several surgeries). The response (mutual aid) of your department paramedics was outstanding in the role they played in saving their lives at the scene. In particular FF/PM Rusciollelli and PM Hughes.

A second note was received from the Sullivan family thanking us for attending the wake of Timothy Sullivan. Tim was a long time Zoning and Planning person with the Village of Schiller Park and his wife works at St. Beatrice.

## Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance is looking at potential new purchase items that will be voted on. FF/PM Loch will be

posting requests for purchase and an agenda for the November meeting.

## Emergency Mgmt.

Lt. Niemand has taken over the role of Emergency Management.

He is already working on NIMS, Pharmaceuticals and Grants.

If there are any ideas or suggestions for AFG, please let him know. We are looking at new Life Paks, Sprinkler System and Fire alarm system and possibly e-tools.

## Association News

The Association thanks all the members who helped raise funds for the 100 Club and who worked the Car Show.

## And Finally...

Walk on with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone.

## 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](mailto:pchiodo@schillerparkil.us).*

Page 7- Members train in a variety of skills at the acquired structure on Wesley

Page 8 -Members fight the extra alarm fire at 3902 River in a storage facility

Page 9- City of Chicago Memo from the 1934 Stockyard Fires indicating that SCHILLER PARK sent Engine 69 to the Fire.

**Does anyone know when Schiller Park went from Engine 69 to our current numbering 450-469 series?**









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DEPUTY FIRE COMMISSIONER

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CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL

ANTHONY J. MULLANEY  
DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL



**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
ROOM 105, CITY HALL

EDWARD J. KELLY  
MAYOR

SUBURBAN TOWNS SENDING  
APPARATUS TO CHICAGO

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>SENT TO</u>
Men-----	Fire
Oak Park-----	Engine #117
Harvey-----	" 84
Evanston-----	" 71
Cicero-----	" 109 and 16
LaGrange-----	" 85
Summit-----	" 88
Elmwood Pk.-----	" 7
Park Ridge-----	" 91
Clarendon Hills-----	" 36
Glen View-----	" 35
Schiller Park-----	" 69
River Forest-----	" 95
Downers Grove-----	" 123
Hazelcrest-----	" 115
Evergreen-----	" 54
Blue Island-----	" 51
East Chicago-----Wrecked-----	" 60
Robbins-----Broke Down-----	" 93
Willow Springs-----	" 49
Joliet-----	" 45 and 1 apparatus to fire
Orland Park-----	" 63
Dalton-----	" 82
Tinley Park-----	" 100
Chicago Heights-----	" 101
Worth-----	Truck 24
Hammond, Indiana-----	Engine 80
Morton Grove sent 10 men and no apparatus	
Hinsdale-----	Truck 51
Lake Forest	to fire. Did not report to office.
Great Lakes	

TOWNS OFFERING HELP

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Riverdale, Ill.  | Brookfield, Ill.   | Morris, Ill.       |
| Gary, Ind.       | Libertyville, Ill. | Cedar Lake, Ind.   |
| Elmhurst, Ill.   | St. Joe, Mich.     | Mount Morris, Ill. |
| Naperville, Ill. | Racine, Wis.       | Elgin, Ill.        |
| Lockport, Ill.   | Detroit, Mich.     | Cincinnati, Ohio   |
| Decatur, Mich.   |                    |                    |

Milwaukee, Wis. - N.W.R.R. had 5 flat cars ready to take the companies to Chicago.

Also Standard Oil Co., Mr. Smith in charge, held 3 gas wagons in reserve for use of fire apparatus.

Standard sent 6 wagons  
Sinclair " 3 "

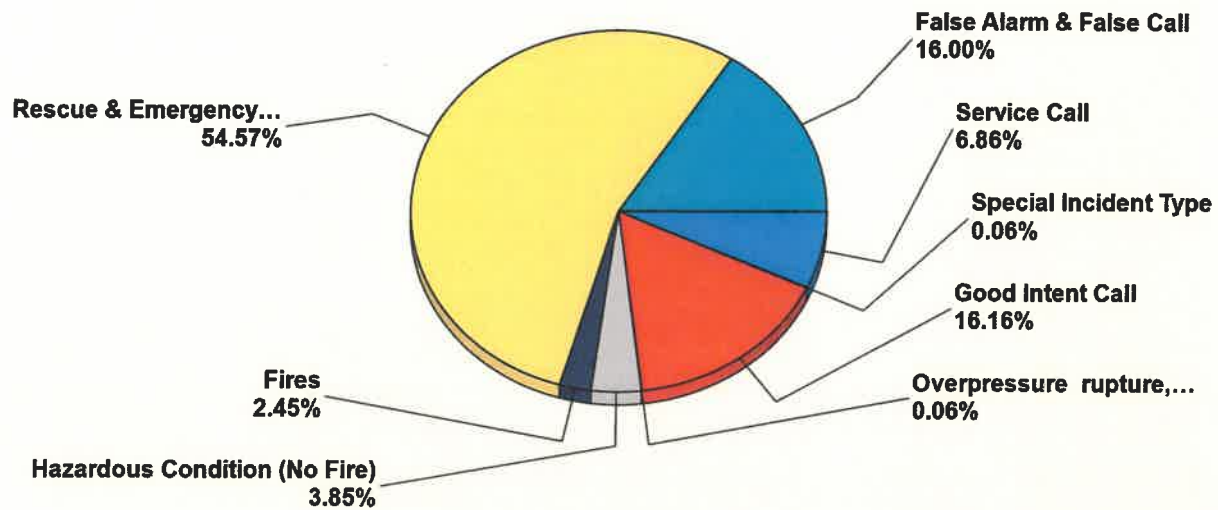
# Schiller Park Fire Dept.

Schiller Park, IL



## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2019 | End Date: 10/16/2019



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	44	2.45%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.06%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	979	54.57%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	69	3.85%
Service Call	123	6.86%
Good Intent Call	290	16.16%
False Alarm & False Call	287	16.00%
Special Incident Type	1	0.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1794</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Only REVIEWED incidents included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero. Does not include Imported data.