

Booster Line

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“911, What’s your Emergency?”

Our current reporting period covers the activities that Schiller Park responded to in the last month. The following incidents are the firefighters and paramedics more unique calls. As always Schiller Park members responded to any call for help.

This month we begin on February 10th when Red shift responded to a structure fire in Franklin Park. Upon arrival of Tower Ladder 454 they were instructed to provide a water current on the exposure building and provide initial RIT team operations until additional companies arrived. Members then were ordered to provide ventilation and extinguishment in the front of the building. Lt. Hatcher led the efforts with FF/PM Piculas, FF/PM Leiser and FF/PM Santiago.

February 12th and a fire alarm at a multi-family building had Black shift respond and investigate. The fire investigation team found that a heater in the hallway when it turned on blew dirt and dust setting off the detector.

Later in the shift Lt. Budnik took his engine company and changed quarters to Park Ridge on their Box Alarm. While en-route the alarm was elevated to a 2nd Alarm and Schiller Park was then due to the scene of the fire. Arriving the 2nd Battalion ordered a search of the second floor and Lt. Budnik, Ff/PM Schneider, FF/PM Solana and FF/PM Miletta found one person who they assisted to the exit. They then re-entered and went to the third floor where they began overhaul.

Shift change occurred and Red shift came on. Early afternoon Cmdr. Maher was dispatched to Bellwood on a working fire as the Safety Officer.

A serious motor vehicle accident on Febraury 16th on I-294 in Des Plaines had them request a Box Alarm for additional ambulances. Red shift Firefighter/paramedics Jeff Leiser responded and transported two

persons.

Lt. Hatcher and Red shift took in a call for a child locked in the car on February 17th. The mother had accidentally locked the keys in the car after placing her child in the car seat. Members were able to gain access and rescue the distraught child.

Gold shift responded to a called in fire on February 17th. On scene the engine company located the fire in a trash can outside the bar.

Members assisted the Cook County Forest Preserve Police Officers on February 18th with the removal of a person who possibly committed suicide by hanging themselves from a tree. Members had to climb a ladder and use bolt cutters to remove the noose from around the neck.

The next call was to River Grove on the 18th for an investigator Box Alarm. FF/PM J. Leiser the on duty fire investigator responded.

With the sky rocketing costs of gas it was no wonder that on February 20th a person drove off from a gas station in town without paying. What was uncommon was that the drive off left with the nozzle still in the fuel tank thus spilling fuel on the ground and causing the breakaway hose to activate. Black shift members applied agent to the spill and assisted in cleaning up and re-attaching hose.

On February 24th after a school sponsored event in the evening, a fire alarm was received causing Gold shift to respond. Checking out the alarm they discovered that balloons in the gym from the event activated the infra-red detection system tied into the fire alarm.

The following day Black shift had Lt. Hatcher respond as the on duty Hazardous Materials Technician to Elmwood Park. On scene he helped with the investigation, analysis, and spill control along with confinement.

March 1st and Black shift responded automatic aid to Rosemont. On scene the fire alarm turned out to be a rubbish fire.

Red shift took in a call for wires down. On scene members found a tractor truck was lifting the roll off dumpster and reeling it back onto the truck when the front portion of the dumpster snagged the wires yanking them down. The utility pole was also broken in half and the utilities were notified to bring out a replacement. Schiller Park Police cordoned off the area and remained on the scene.

A Full Still Alarm in Bensenville on March 3rd had Lt. Cesaretti respond as their first in Safety Officer for the structure fire.

Our own dumpster fire occurred on March 4th when Black shift responded to a fire behind the building. At the location the fire was a dumpster that had not spread into the apartment building. Members made a good stop.

The next fire on this tour of duty for Black shift came in a few hours later. When the first alarm assignment arrived they found that it was a bon fire not in a proper container giving the illusion of an out of control fire engulfing the building.

Black shift ended their shift with a job in Franklin Park. The report originally came in as smoke in the building. Upon arrival they found a working fire and helped Franklin Park advance a hose line into the building knocking the fire down.

Lt. Cesaretti took Gold shift up to the toll way on March 6th when the Toll Authority called in to the 9-1-1 center that they had smoke in three of their toll booths on I-294. On scene the fire investigative team found that a short in the basement of the main building that feeds power and ventilation to the booths had shorted out. Des Plaines Fire Department also showed up and both Schiller Park and Des Plaines each transported patients to the hospital.

A fire alarm in a hotel on March 7th had members grab their tools and high rise pack and ascend the stairs to the floor where the alarm was activated. Getting to the floor and the area it was found that a guest took an extremely hot shower causing the

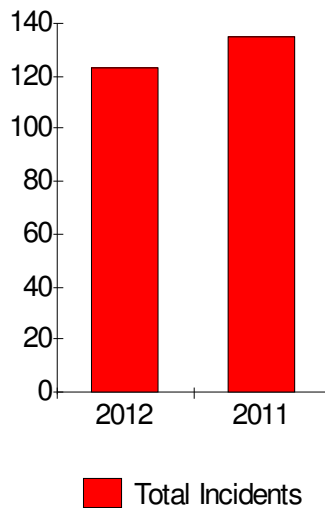
steam to activate the detector. The guest apologized for the inconvenience and for taking such a hot shower.

A car fire March 8th was extinguished by Red shift. The call came in for a fire in a vehicle behind a restaurant. The engine company showed up and found the interior filled with smoke. As they opened the doors flames ignited and were coming from the backseat area. A pre-connected hose line was pulled and engine 455's booster tank water used. The owner was inside the restaurant eating and did not know of the activity going on outside with his car.

The next and last run for this reporting period was for smoke coming out a window in an apartment complex. On scene Gold shift found nothing showing upon arrival. As the fire investigative team entered they were met by a tenant who stated that their stove was not very clean and the spillage on the burner and on the stove was what caused the smoke and they opened the window to let out the burning smell and smoke.

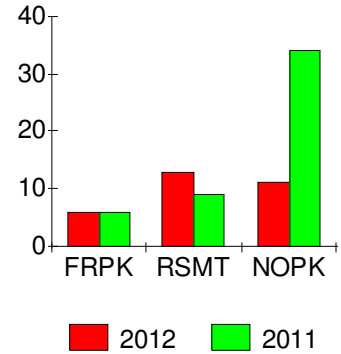
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Total Incidents



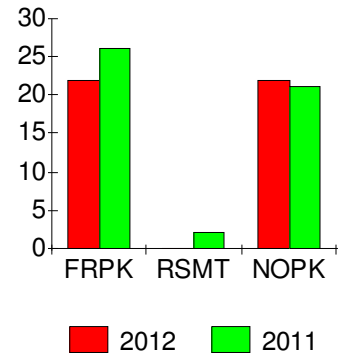
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of February 29th "To" the following communities:

Auto Aid Given



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of February 29th "From" the following communities:

Auto Aid Received



	2012	2011
Total Incidents	253	260

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	6	6
Norwood Park (NOPK)	11	34
Rosemont (RSMT)	13	9

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	22	26
Norwood Park (NOPK)	22	21
Rosemont (RSMT)	0	2

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

FF/PM LiRosi returned to work from surgery last year. It has been successful and he will be returning to Black shift.

FF/PM Hudacek continues to be on maternity leave. It is expected that she will return in early April.

FF/PM Arquette completed her fire academy training at NIPSTA and graduated on March 16th. She will return to work and be assigned to Gold shift March 21st.

The Police and Fire Commission continue with establishing a new hire list. The agility had 26 persons pass. They have scheduled the oral interviews for later this month and next before posting the final list. It is anticipated that a new lieutenant exam will be given out late Summer.

During this last reporting period the department has had three of its firefighters lose family members. FF/PM Werner had his grandmother Beatrice Mikowski pass away on February 19th. FF/PM Chung lost his grandmother Meng Seng Lee on February 16th and FF/PM Bubis had his great grandfather Manuel Dominguez pass away on March 14th. The department's sympathies and condolences go to the families and our members.

Our congratulations to FF/PM Farias on the baptism of his daughter Allyson Pamela on February 19th.

POC Sam DiMaggio is recovering from recent back surgery. Sam is now home and expected to return in a few months. He is hoping to be pain free as a result.

Director Deegan has posted the notice for the upcoming Fire Pension

Board Election. The vote will be held on April 16th and you must vote if you choose by 7:00 PM. This is for the seat being vacated by Lt. Anderson (ret.) and is for three years. See current members for responsibilities.

Director Deegan has set up for the membership three e mails for department usage in disseminating information. The first e mail address can be used to send information to all full time personnel, the second e mail to all paid on call personnel and the third to all part time personnel. These addresses are located in firehouse (we will not publish them in the **Booster Line** to prevent unauthorized solicitations).

The State Fire Marshal is holding the 19th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony on May 10th at 9:00AM at the Illinois State Capital. All members are invited to attend.

After working with the FCC for the last eight months, Cmdr. Leiser had the FCC review our application for a license renewal and is not only granting us our fire band license renewal but allowing us to both increase the wattage output of our transmitter and to raise our antenna. The benefits that we will see include dispatch not getting walked over and transmitting to the dead spots in town. The antenna will also be raised from its current height of 45 feet to 100 feet. Director Deegan will work with Cmdr. Leiser on setting up the transfer of the tower and increase in power.

We have received two new sets of Box Alarm cards for review. Both Franklin Park and Park Ridge are updating their cards and will continue to use both our ambulance and fire suppression. These will go into effect immediately and go to show the support and faith they have in us as a professional organization.

While the G-8 summit originally scheduled to be held in Chicago in May has been moved to Camp David, the NATO summit will continue to be held in Chicago. While no one can predict what will happen, we have had several of our members volunteer for additional training in decontamination with the Division 20 unit. Plans are still being developed with numerous agencies as to what to expect and our response. Both the Schiller Park Fire department and Police Departments have been monitoring the chatter and evaluating options.

All members did receive from MABAS credentialing. This will allow a database for identification of all members and their qualifications. Identification badges were issued to all members with a picture and their State Fire Marshal verifications. You are encouraged to carry this identification with you.

We are in the process of being re-evaluated from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). This was last done in 1992 and they rate our fire department in a number of areas including personnel, training, knowledge, driving, and operations. They further look into dispatch, inspections, water flow and pre-plan. Our current rating as a Class 5. The field representative will be collecting data from all our departments over the next couple of months and provide us with a rating by Fall. The rating affects commercial insurance rates.

A major headache will occur on I-294 as the ramp from northbound I-294 to westbound I-90 will be shut down completely for several months as it is rebuilt. To access westbound you will need to go to Touhy westbound, get off and cloverleaf back southbound on I-294 and then proceed to the southbound I-294 ramp for westbound I-90. While it may appear that you will pay an additional toll, the toll way authority has said that this

detour will not result in a double charge. (Check your IPASS account to make sure you were not double tolled).

The Toll Authority has also indicated that the IREACH radio frequency will also be narrow banded and a coded squelch added. Lt. Budnik will follow up on this.

As a result of a fire in Franklin Park with the potential of some toxins and hazardous materials, all of Black shifts gear who was present was washed. As a courtesy Director Deegan extended an offer to members of the Elmwood Park Fire Department who were present and experienced symptoms as a result of the fire. Our firefighters washed their gear as they did not have a proper cleaning washing machine.

Director Deegan continues to work on the fire department budget. This also includes the EMS portion. He will meet with the Village manager and Finance officer prior to presenting to the Village Board.

FF/PM Rupsis is again sponsoring the firefighter fitness challenge. All members are encouraged to participate. The Recreation Department is also hosting a Village employee wide challenge.

We are also looking at getting voluntary compliance with numbering or lettering the stairways in our multi-story buildings. This would aid residents and firefighters in identifying the fire attack and evacuation stairways.

Another project is to identify which elevators our stretchers can be accommodated in by placing a Star of Life on the elevator(s) that we can get our stretcher into. A blue bar under the Star of Life will indicate that the stretcher can be fully vertical in the elevator.

Tools / Equipment and Other FYI's

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

Items worked on and happenings around the firehouse this month include:

Tower Ladder 454 went to Global for its annual maintenance and UL ladder testing. It returned in great shape and with a great evaluation. There were several items that were noted that our mechanic Tony will work on saving the dealers labor costs.

All of our SCBA bottles have now been returned from being hydro-statically tested. This testing ensures that there are no defects or weaknesses in the pressurized cylinders that may cause them to fail.

FF/PM Bertoncini also completed all the yearly testing and maintenance of our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Lt. Budnik and Lt. Hatcher are finalizing the purchase of portable radios. These will be 96 channel radios that will allow for use in our division and surrounding divisions. They will also be available for additional frequencies should we be deployed per MABAS either statewide or nationwide. We will also be ordering a radio for tower ladder 454 along with purchasing a narrow banded radio for engine 456.

Chief Schultz of the Schiller Park Police Department is also placing our fire frequencies in the police cars on their VHF radios. This will allow fire personnel to use unmarked police vehicles for inspections and other activities relevant to department business. If you need such a vehicle please see the Watch Commander. Use if possible only unmarked cars for fire department business.

Beginning April we will again begin the annual hydrant flushing. We will also be doing hydrant flows both with the ISO representative and for our

own records.

Other work around the firehouse include-

Air One came out and did the quarterly air quality testing for our breathing air in the compressor. The compressor met and exceeded the standards set by the government.

We also had Industrial Hygiene Services LLC come out and place sensors throughout the firehouse to monitor the air and atmosphere in the firehouse living quarters and apparatus floor. The results are expected back from the testing laboratories in 4-6 weeks.

Equipment in the firehouse worked on include-

Repairing seat belts on 454 by our mechanic Tony.

We will be repairing the rear lock on the firehouse where it was noted that the spring mechanism was broken.

The lights in front of the firehouse were repaired.

If you would like to view all completed reports for each division of our department, training, EMS, inspections, station maintenance, vehicle maintenance and public education can be found in the Chief's Monthly Report posted on the board and submitted to the Village Board.

EMS Coord. Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

The EMS Bureau continues to work together on formulating the wants and needs of the fire department as we look at various vendors for the new ambulance. We are looking at what works best and fulfills our needs. We are comparing our neighboring town's ambulances, consortium and outright writing specifications.

We are pleased to announce the hiring of two part time paramedics who will fill vacancies. PM Tom Takoy and PM Zydlo are both currently in Northwest System and started this past month. We welcome them to our ranks.

We hope to have PM Howell return soon. He injured his shoulder while snowboarding recently. He has missed a few shifts and sees the doctor soon.

As part of training and teaching department we have partnered with Northwest Community Hospital with the training of a paramedic student. Mike Strnad has been assigned to our department and will be riding on Gold shift with EMSD Nosek as the primary preceptor. FF/PM Bubis and FF/PM Gergits also preceptors will assist in the training when EMSD Nosek is off. Mike Strnad will complete three phases as part of the training—Phase I is to observe, Phase II is to participate and Phase III to be the lead paramedic on the call. He is expected to complete his training by the end of June.

There are new forms that have come out and are on the ambulance. These are the forms for child abuse and neglect. Please take some time to review the forms in the event you may need to fill one out.

Worldwide there is a shortage of certain drugs that we administer. It may be impossible to exchange certain drugs at the hospital because of the shortage. I will be coming out with an FYI to inform you of any developments.

When replacing our “H” tanks for oxygen use wipe off the chalk marks that indicate FULL when they are placed in the cage. Re-mark them Empty with chalk. This will eliminate the problems of looking at them and determining if they are full or empty. We have also made signs to be hung on the tanks indicating FULL or EMPTY and will look into purchasing a portable gauge so that the tanks do not have to be dragged to the ambulance and hooked up to see if

they are FULL.

Please remember that any unused or empty controlled substance vials must be brought into the hospitals for them to replace. If you have any questions or concerns, please see EMSD Nosek.

Please consult the FYI's on the EMS Clipboard in the kitchen for complete info and updates.

Other EMS bits...

With the ongoing drug shortage many of the resource hospitals do not have enough to re-stock. Northwest System has come out with System Memo #337 to outline the procedures to be used when re-stocking and in particular Midazolam (Versed). Please read the memo and follow until further notice. The shortage is nationwide and not just a local issue. Northwest and Dr. Ortinau have made a contingency plan for the use of controlled drugs and substances to bridge the shortage.

Elmhurst Hospital has added a fire band receiver in their emergency room that can monitor our fire frequency 154.370. It is only a receiver and can't transmit. If we do transport there and need to communicate with dispatch or NORCOMM you will have to use the mobile radio in the rig.

FF/PM LiRosi has completed the BLS instructor course for teaching CPR. FF/PM LiRosi will help coordinate training for fire personnel and work with PM Kosar on the civilian classes.

All three ambulances, 461, 462 and 463, passed their semi-annual safety lane inspections.

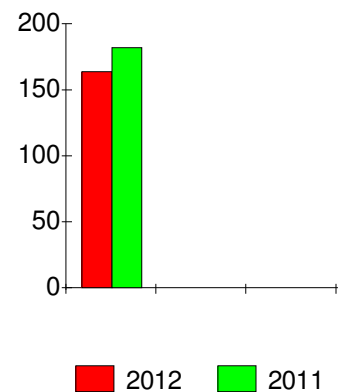
Tony Calefati also replaced the aging batteries on ambulance 462 when one was no longer able to charge or provide the power necessary to help run the vehicle and its equipment.

Please refer to the clipboard in the kitchen for any new updates in the Bureau.

During the past month personnel responded to 77 emergency calls. A total of 72 patients were encountered. 51 patients were transported to area hospitals. 45 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Responses	164	182
Cardiac	8	16
Medical Emergency	89	90
Accidents/Trauma	38	38
Fire Responses	27	34
False Alarm/Standby	4	4
Mut. Aid to SHPK	4	7
SHPK to others	6	12

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 run it past Director Deegan, Cmdr. Chiodo or FF/PM Bertoncini.

The rear firehouse sewer in the driveway has been collapsing and washing out. It was noted that it may cave in and so the fire department has stopped using this portion as an

entrance for truck 454. The village engineers have looked at this and proposed that a concrete sewer color should be installed and a concrete pad that can hold up under the weight of the tower ladder which weighs in at 72,000 pounds (36 tons). It is recommended that it be similar to the driveway in front of the firehouse in depth and construction. The village has approved this as an emergency expenditure and we anticipate that it will be worked on and completed shortly.

FF/PM Bertoncini continues to work on the unisex bathroom. The floor has been tiled and the walls painted. The hallway has had shelves installed in lieu of cabinets for the time being and a backsplash near the slop sink. After May, we will tile the area. The slop sink seems to be working out great and cabinets and a counter will be installed in the new fiscal year.

We are also working with the Village on the tuck pointing issue that has now caused mold growth in the classroom.

We are also working on getting the air quality testing done and should be completed by May.

The classroom has been re-painted and all the pictures re-hung.

What's in the works? –

- Second circuit for electric in office
- Completing the deck
- New lights at station 2
- re-do firehouse rear entrance
- Additional outlets at station 2
- Emergency phone outside sta. 2
- mount patches around kitchen
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint tool room floor
- Install window in TV. Room
- Paint sta.2 floor
- Door and jam simulator
- sprinkler simulator
- Sta. 2 classroom

- Man station 2
- re-direct second exit stairway
- New high-rise load packing tool
- New LED lighting for front of firehouse
- fully sprinkler the firehouse
- prevent hose tower from flooding

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

February Trivia

What do the eight points on a Maltese fire department cross signify?

The eight points of the Maltese cross symbolize-

- 1) Gallantry
- 2) Perseverance
- 3) Loyalty
- 4) Dexterity
- 5) Explicitness
- 6) Observation
- 7) Tact
- 8) Sympathy

Two correct answers were submitted by Chief Rick Belmonte (ret. Westchester) and Jimmy "Z".

March Trivia

What is the origin of why one kind NFPA Type V construction is called Balloon Frame?

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

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

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

Cmdr. Leiser and Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Divisions Safety and Training Officer meeting.

FF/PM Niemand, FF/PM Piculas and Cmdr. Maher all attended a seminar on Spray Booths.

Lt. Budnik, FF/PM Swiontek, FF/PM and FF/PM LiRosi all completed the NIMS 400 class.

FF/PM Swiontek, FF/PM J. Leiser and Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Strike Force fire investigators meeting.

I have received a DVD training simulator where we can use pictures of buildings in town and I will be able to set up different scenarios.

We will be looking to complete the quarterly training for each shift. Please remember to fill out these forms.

I am looking into the possibility of hosting some State Fire Marshal classes including technical rescue and fire apparatus engineer. I will notify personnel if openings occur.

I am planning on having a refresher class for FAE in the near future.

We will also have in the new future a Fire Service Vehicle Operator class

(FSVO), Polaris ATV mandatory training and METRA training.

FF/PM Arquette completed the NIPSTA academy and hazardous materials first responded class.

FF/PM LiRosi completed his BLS instructor class.

Several members attended the Division 20 De-Con Vehicle training in preparation of the NATO summit.

I have signed up several members for OSFM classes as part of their job requirements. If you know that you need a class please let me know, I will try to find one, however if you find one on your own please submit the paperwork and maintain a copy for yourself.

I have also obtained railroad ties for training in using different techniques for cutting, i.e. chopping with axes, mauls, saws. They are located behind the firehouse.

The OSFM has also created its latest flow charts for certifications through their office. A copy is posted in the kitchen.

Members completed 235 hours of training for the month with 25 training drills. This includes outside classes. Our Paid on Call had 3 meetings for 6 hours.

The second Thursday of each month the State Fire Marshal has a testing site at Triton College. They have also instituted a new policy of a government issued picture ID at the test site. If you cannot produce one you will not be allowed in. Likewise they are requesting that all phones be left in the test takers car to help with the integrity of the test (too many camera phones). If you would like to sign up see Cmdr. Leiser.

Please remember to fill an Outside Training Form 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.

Remember signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment for

being there. If you cannot attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month we nominate and acknowledge as our Employees of the Month-- Chief Schultz (SPPD), Cmdr. Leiser and FF/PM Piculas and Red Shift.

Chief Schultz of the Schiller Park Police Department has made available to the fire department some of his police department vehicles that are not being used during that shift. He has had programmed on the VHF radios in the squad cars the fire department main frequency, IFERN and fire ground. Because the fire department does not have any spare vehicles he is making available through the watch commander the ability to sign out these cars.

Cmdr. Leiser is to be commended for his diligence in wading through a mountain of federal paperwork and bureaucracy in getting our department not only a renewal of our fire department radio licenses but also in doing the presentation and getting approval for increasing our transmitting wattage from 40 watts to 100 and the antenna from a height of 40 feet to 100 feet. All along cynics said that the FCC would not approve it with so many agencies competing for air waves and frequency power and with narrow banding.

Our last kudos go to FF/PM Piculas and Red shift. After we offered the commercial washing machine to Elmwood Park for their turn out gear cleaning, John and Red shift took apart the outer shell and the inner lining and washed not only Elmwood parks five sets of gear but also Black shifts gear. They chose to work through their dinner period in order to clean their brother's turnouts and then dry them out so they would be ready for the member's next shift.

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 Cmdr. Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Members are in the process of working on their 2012 inspections. Each shift received approximately 1/3 of the inspections or about 150 per shift. The inspections are rotated so that over a three year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses. We are in the process of finishing those assigned to each shift and completing the re-inspections.

A new law in Illinois enacted January 1st requires consumers to provide identification and sign a registration log if they were purchase caustic chemicals, and those who do not could face a Class 4 felony. The new law is targeted at industrial strength chemicals that could be used as chemical weapons. Stores failing to cooperate could face up to a \$1500 fine. The law has some of its roots based on some people using these chemicals to throw the caustic drain cleaners into victim's faces.

Carbon Monoxide detectors at the end of their life. Underwriter's laboratories (UL) standard 2034 incorporates a major change that requires all CO alarms produced after 8-1-09 to have an end of life signal. This signal is to activate once the device reaches its projected end of life.

A CO alarm will have 3 signals-Alarm, trouble, and End of Life. An activation for CO would be a series of four beeps followed by 5 second pause then repeating. A trouble alarm is a 1/2

second beep every 30-60 seconds and the end of life will be a distinct beep or it may be same as trouble.

The full article is posted in the firehouse.

Please remember on emergency numbers forms to circle which shift the inspection is assigned to. That way it can go in the correct file and may save a re-inspection trip if that was all they required.

I am reviewing several new businesses in town. We have several major projects that are in the works.

The old Chase bank will now see demolition as they prepare for the new Aldi's. The parking lot has been re-configured and drainage improved.

The Village has purchased property on Lawrence Ave. I will work with the training bureau to see about training.

We will also see additional business moving into the O'Hare Toll Oasis.

A new eatery is also planned for the old Brown's Chicken.

We have also cleaned up the fire prevention bureau and eliminated many books that are outdated or obsolete. If you would like to see any books added to the library see Cmdr. Maher.

When you bring back your fire inspections, make a copy of the pre-plan forms and submit to FF/PM Niemand. Adam is taking over from Tim Bubis and is working on a computer fire prevention pre-plan that incorporates the information we bring back. He is CAD drawing the diagrams with the information. He is also using satellite imagery in each of the files. This process will take a year of more to import, drawn and download to our laptops. IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS PAPERWORK AS IT IS PART OF THE PRE-PLAN THAT IS ISO NECESSARY.

For newer members once a class for Fire Prevention opens up you will be enrolled as part of your hiring

process.

If you are interested in any of the plan review in the Fire Prevention office please see me. I 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 Cmdr. Maher.

We are also suggesting and strongly recommending that sprinkler and standpipe connections be converted to stortz fittings. Please consult with Cmdr. Maher.

The State Fire Marshal is instituting a new certification program Inspector I. Cmdr. Leiser is looking into the program if this should replace the Fire Prevention Principles now required of all probationary members. Cmdr.'s Leiser and Maher will advise those needing the class when it is available.

Notes

Several notes were received for the fire department this past month.

A note was also received from Mrs. Werner who thanked the fire department and the firefighters for their thoughtfulness and the plant as a memorial to her mother and FF/Pm Werner's grandmother.

Chief Zywanski from Park Ridge also sent a note thanking us for our help and assistance during the 2nd Alarm fire on February 12th.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

We have been very pro-active in Public Education during the past month.

The Public Relations Bureau that Director Deegan created is headed by Cmdr. Chiodo with FF/PM LiRosi, PM Jenkins, FF/PM Werner and

FF/PM Arquette assigned.

District 81 is looking for volunteers to help escort the kids to a Cubs game on May 4th. See FF/PM LiRosi.

FF/PM LiRosi will be attending the annual Public Education Conference in Galena in April.

Lt. Budnik, PM Jenkins and Cmdr. Chiodo all participated in the School District 81's "Get Fit Day" at Lincoln school February 26th.

FF/PM LiRosi now has a voicemail for Public Education. If any calls come in please forward to his voicemail.

We are also coordinating with other A fire service organizations the implementation and publicizing the "ICE" program (In Case of Emergency) for people's cell phones.

Schiller Park Fire Fighters Association

The Association cancelled the meeting on March 6th (Gold). It has not yet been re-scheduled. If you would like to add anything to a future agenda see a board member.

The association in cooperation with the Public Relations Bureau is working on the international fair at Kennedy school. FF/Pm LiRosi will be making his chili again.

Members also will be donating their time and energy as they host a Fishes and Loaves at St. Beatrice on April 5th. They will prepare, cook and serve a hot meal.

Please support the Association in fundraising with our pop machine and M&M machine in the kitchen.

Members have created our own website, www.schillerparkfa.org for members and visitors who want to know more about the Association or its charities.

The Association received a piece of

scrap metal from the World Trade Center. The Association presented it during the 9/11 Memorial after the Car Show.

We will also be looking at assisting Baskin Robbins in their 31 cent Ice Cream Night supporting the fire service.

The 20th annual Fill the Boot is May 4th and 5th. This supports Camp I Am which is a summer camp for children who are survivors of burn injuries who can go with others with similar experiences.

Our congratulations to two members who participated in the St. Baldricks fundraising effort for cancer research. Cmdr. Maher and FF/PM Swiontek both participated by having their heads shaved.

Retiree Row

Director Deegan hosted the first Corn Beef and Cabbage Retiree lunch on March 16th at the Great Escape. This has been an idea of his for many years to have this annual event for those who have served. While the RSVP originally appeared poor with only 2 persons responding, there

actually ended up being a total of 9 retirees who showed up and ate. Look for you invitation for next year's event and please respond so that we can make the proper reservation. Hopefully pictures will follow in our next issue. If you attended and have any photos please email to Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com.

We also received a note from FF Ed Ball who indicated that he was doing well. Unfortunately Ed has hung up his skates and goalie pads. For those of us who worked with him he will always be remembered as one of the original "Axemen" hockey team members. Ed is a legacy and many firemen who play hockey associate Schiller Park Fire Department with Eddie Ball and vice versa. Ed's influence rubbed off on Cmdr. Chiodo's son who also plays hockey. (See accompanying photos). Another firefighter following in Ed's footsteps is FF/PM LiRosi.

Stork Report/ Announcements

FF/PM Collette Hudacek is hoping to

return to work from her maternity leave in early April.

Any word on the horizon please drop us a note.

And Finally...

Act as if what you do makes a difference, it does.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M. April 7th. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the *Booster Line* c/o Cmdr. Chiodo at pchiodo@villageofschillerpark.com.

The Booster Line is published monthly on or about the 15th. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo, reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability.

Pictures:

Page 10 –Top picture FF Ed Ball (ret.) pictured center in goalie gear as part of the "Axemen"

Bottom picture- Cmdr. Chiodo's son Mark Chiodo, standing 3rd person from right with Black mouthpiece.