

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 October 21st when a carbon monoxide detector going off caused a response. FF/PM LiRosi assigned to the engine found a malfunctioning oven causing readings in the 30's for parts per million.

A gas leak was the next call for Vito and the engine. The original call came for an interior leak. Members found no problems inside the structure however after leaving the building noticed the smell. Using their instruments they found an outside leak near the gas main. NICOR was called to the scene.

Black shift on October 22nd took in a head on vehicle collision. On scene members found a three car accident and requested an additional mutual aid ambulance.

Red shift on October 22nd after shift change responded to a day care facility for an automatic fire alarm. What members found was that a science experiment with the children produced some flame and smoke causing the alarm to go off.

Red shift then was dispatched to a report of smoke in an area and a possible structure fire in the area. Cmdr. Maher and the group responded and checked the entire area before determining that it was a business that smokes cheeses causing the odor.

Lt. Hatcher took in the next Red shift call with his engine. They responded to a call for a person trapped in an elevator. The crew found that the elevator was stalled between the fourth and fifth floors. The elevator doors were manually opened and one person removed.

A response on October 23rd had Gold shift take in a call for the fire alarm. The shift was surprised as this is a building where we seldom respond. On scene the building owner was power washing his interior and wet the burglar alarm. No fire alarm exists in this building and the monitoring company of the burglar alarm called it in as a fire alarm.

Gold shift then took in a vehicle fire on I-294 southbound at mile 34. Cmdr. Chiodo monitoring the radio heard Berkeley stilled out to same location. He held up our Squad and ambulance and sent in one engine. Tried contacting Berkeley on the radio to see if they needed our assistance. They stated they had the fire under control after we arrived on scene.

The next response on the 23rd for Gold shift was for a gas leak in an apartment unit that they could not turn off. Cmdr. Chiodo sent a first alarm assignment because of the possibility of an uncontrolled gas leak and explosion. On scene members found that it was the electronic ignition that continued and no gas leak. Members turned off the circuit breaker and the building owner arrived to take over the situation.

October 26th had Gold respond when an ambulance call at a food establishment had the victim cut their hand causing a sever bleed. The health department was called in to check all preparation areas.

An odor investigation on October 28th had Black shift take it in. The investigation found that tenants were coughing and hacking in the building. As members tried to trace the cause they found another tenant cooking with some type of strong pepper that initiated the coughing spells. The building required ventilation of the pepper fumes and irritant.

Later in the shift Cmdr. Leiser responded to a structure fire in Bensenville as the on duty Safety Officer.

Red shift on the 28th was dispatched to a fire in a hotel in town on the sixth floor. En-route dispatch radioed that the fire was out. On scene Cmdr. Maher was informed by the front desk that the guest from this room had also burnt her arm. Cmdr. Maher had our ambulance check out his patient. Up on the sixth floor the fire investigative team found that the sprinkler head was activated and flowing water. Members then shut down the sprinkler system which was restored within hours by a qualified sprinkler company.

October 29th had another person trapped in an elevator during a wedding party. FF/PM Chung leading the engine was able to gain access and remove the persons. Management was notified to call a repair person and to leave the elevator out of service until then.

During fire pump stress testing in Rosemont on November 1st, a call came in from dispatch for a person trapped in their vehicle with wires on the vehicle. Members responded from gold shift and found a garbage truck with wires on top of it and a utility pole leaning over the alley and resting on the building across the way. Com Ed was notified of the incident. Tools on the truck were used to determine if the vehicle might be energized and it did not appear to be. The driver was then advised that if possible he could jump clear of the vehicle without making contact with the ground. Until proven otherwise we suspect all wires to be live.

The following day November 2nd Cmdr. Leiser and Black shift went to the Schiller Woods for a grass fire. The crew found a small fire on the riding path and four other fires in the immediate vicinity. These were all put out with a pump can. Bike riders informed the firefighters that a person in a blue jacket looked like he was starting fires along the path. Schiller Park Police located this individual who was turned over to the Cook County Forest Preserve Police.

While the engine was putting out these fires with the pump can they

found an unresponsive person in the woods. A mutual aid ambulance was called from Norwood Park to treat and transport.

November 4th had a car versus bike accident. Gold shift responded and found that the rider of the biker was hurled across the hood of the car and indented the windshield significantly. (see photos).

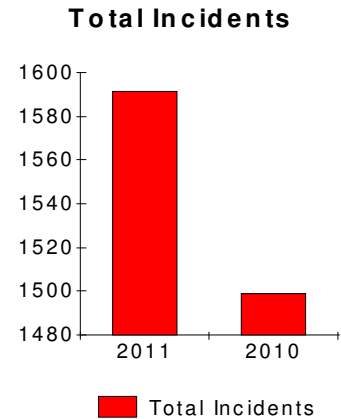
An electrical pole on fire November 9th had red shift respond. Lt. Hatcher and the shift found the top section burnt including the cross arm supporting the high voltage lines. Com Ed was notified and showed up. They had to isolate the area by shutting down power to an affected area so that repairs and replacement could be made.

The next response for Red shift was a fuel spillage where the automatic shut off on the nozzle did not work according to the driver. Containment was accomplished by diking and the use of an emulsifier. The sewers were checked for any product and none was found.

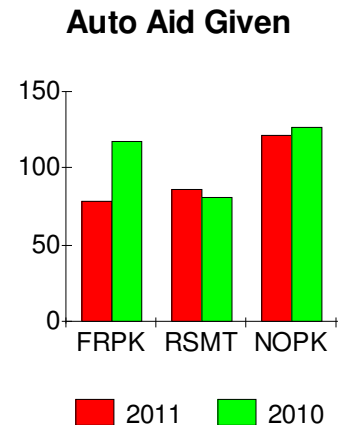
A call from the State Police next sent Red shift to the toll way for a vehicle accident. On scene air bag deployment severe damage into the wall and a wind shield totaled had members request an additional mutual aid ambulance.

The last call of this reporting period had an alarm for carbon monoxide on November 10th. Lt. Cesaretti arrived on the scene with the engine and found readings in the 40-50 ppm range. The culprit appears to be the oven which produced abnormal readings in the area.

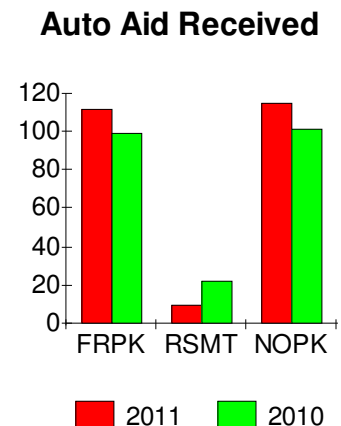
The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2010:



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "To" the following communities:



The run summary for Automatic Aid as of October 31st "From" the following communities:



	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Incidents	1591	1499

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	78	118
Norwood Park (NOPK)	121	127
Rosemont (RSMT)	86	81

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	112	99
Norwood Park (NOPK)	115	101
Rosemont (RSMT)	9	22

Commander's Cove

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

Jerry Budnik was promoted to Lieutenant at the Village Board meeting on October 25th. Lt. Budnik will be assigned to Black Shift and be in charge of Station and Vehicle Maintenance. (see photos).

We were also recently informed that FF/PM LiRosi will need additional surgery for a shoulder injury he received related to the job. Vito will have surgery late November and be off several months rehabilitating. As a result a shift change will be necessary to cover his slot until a new candidate is hired and Vito returns.

The Police and Fire Commission also will be processing the next candidate for firefighter/paramedic from our current list. This list expires early next year and it is anticipated that a new test will be administered in the near future.

Our congratulations to Tim and Beth Bubis on their wedding nuptials. They were married on November 5th. We wish the new couple well and hope they enjoy their honeymoon.

The Schiller Park Police and Fire

Departments partnered up with the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) to participate in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Program on October 29th. Here in Schiller Park we had 27 residents participate and drop off 56 ½ pounds of unused pills that did not get thrown out with the potential to end up in our waterways. This was a successful program and we look forward to participating in the future. We thank the residents who took the initiative to do the right thing.

Members also participated this past month in honoring a local soldier from Elmwood Park Nickolas Daniels who was killed in action in the war for freedom and against terrorism. (see photos)

We also were able to complete all of the hydrant testing and pump stress tests on our vehicles this past month. Members also did fit testing with their SCBA masks. If you did not get tested see your Officer. We will do the CBNR mask when the adaptor is available. The regulator portion was having a software/hardware problem and FF/PM Bertoncini is working on it.

We will be having all of our radios narrow banded this coming month to comply with the FCC regulations and to also open up band width. Lt. Budnik and Lt. Hatcher will also be looking into purchasing our next generation of portable radios.

The fire department will have a foreign fire insurance meeting at the end of November. Those members wishing to make agenda contributions or suggestions should have them in to Director Deegan.

MABAS Division 20 has re-located some of its resources. These include the movement of DECON 20 to Leyden Fire Protection District and 749 (HAZ MAT 20) to the Norwood Park Fire Protection District.

We have also taken possession of SPRINT emergency phones as part of our emergency operations and management program. Cmdr. Leiser will be working on policies and procedures for their use and distribution.

Because we tone out each dispatched call, there is no longer a need to place you in service when doing inspections, shopping etc. that are not dispatched calls.

Please remember to fill out the fuel logs for each vehicle and to let the shift officer know for tracking in the Pass On Book.

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:

Lt. Budnik has implemented a new policy and check list for our small engines. All of these tools will be run on Mondays for 20 minutes to get them up to normal operating temperatures. This does not preclude you from starting each day but you must get them to operating

temperature in order to ensure longevity of our tools.

We received three new rotary saws to replace those taken out of service. The old saws were nearly 20 years old and not feasible to repair. The saws have been placed on the Engine, Squad and one mounted on the passenger side of the Truck along the main ladder. These saws have the large "D" handles for starting and the universal blades for steel and concrete cutting.

The Sensit gold on Tower ladder 454 has gone in to the shops for calibration and a sensor. It should be back by our next issue.

We have received the go ahead with getting the plumbing done on the second floor for our bathroom and laundry room. Lt. Cesaretti and FF/PM Bertocini will spearhead this project. A punch list and timeline will be developed for shift participation and cooperation.

We also have added an additional lock out tag out kit to engine 455. This will complement the one on truck 454. The new kit will be in the roll up compartment on the driver side cab interior area. The locks are keyed alike. (see photo).

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...

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.

The expected changes to the EMS tablet went into effect on November 1st. EMSD Nosek met with the shifts or his designee to review all of the updates and changes. These changes will make out job much easier in the long run.

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

Other EMS bits...

This past month we found that the pelican drug box on 462 had a broken latch. EMSC Nosek has ordered the new latch for the repair. We have temporarily swapped out 461 and 462 boxes. It DOES NOT hinder or affect the operation of the controlled substances.

PM Jenkins noticed some unusual wear on the front driver side tire on ambulance 462. He notified Tony our mechanic investigate and found on the inner surface some wear. The vehicle went out for a new tire and front end alignment.

Northlake borrowed ambulance 463 for about a week this past month when theirs was unavailable.

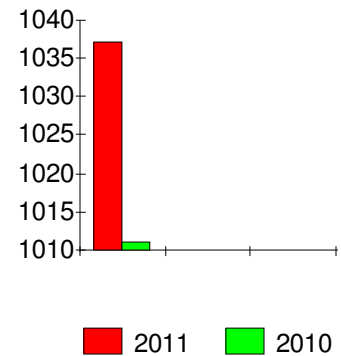
We are in the preliminary stages of getting information on a possible replacement ambulance. EMSC Nosek will keep all members informed and begin the committee process soon. We intend to have this vehicle delivered by mid 2012.

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

During the past month personnel responded to 101 emergency calls. A total of 122 patients were encountered. 71 patients were transported to area hospitals. 47 patients required Advanced Life Support care.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Responses	1037	1011
Cardiac	90	86
Medical Emergency	543	509
Accidents/Trauma	197	271
Fire Responses	163	128
False Alarm/Standby	14	18
Mut. Aid to SHPK	32	22
SHPK to others	44	111

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 Bertocini.

We have obtained approval for the rough plumbing to be done for the unisex bathroom and laundry room. Lt. Cesaretti will coordinate this with FF/PM Bertocini and the shifts.

We may do this project in two parts as funds permit.

What's in the works? –

- clean loft
- more emergency lights on 454
- Second circuit for electric in office
- Deep cleaning of all the rooms
- Creating a laundry room

- 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
- re align staff offices
- fully sprinkler the firehouse
- prevent hose tower from flooding

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

October Trivia

When was the first *moving* flashing signal light introduced?

The first moving flashing signal was introduced by the MARS signal company in 1929.

Two correct answers were submitted by Chief Belmonte (ret. Westchester Fire Department) and Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka.

November Trivia

What is the difference between a wye

and a Siamese?

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.

This past month all three shifts had an opportunity to work with the representative from Holmatro on our new tool. We are thankful to Carmies towing for allowing us to use their yard and donating three cars to cut up.

We also had the opportunity to view two different types and styles of air lifting bags. We have budgeted for these this year.

Our congratulations to Lt. Hatcher on becoming the first member of the Schiller Park Fire Department to receive his Advanced Technician Firefighter certification. The Office of the State Fire Marshal changed the firefighter training program from Firefighter I,II, III to Basic Firefighter and Advance Firefighter effective January 1, 2011. All new Firefighters hired will have this as a job requirement

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 next month Fire Service Vehicle Operator class (FSVO), Polaris ATV mandatory training and METRA training.

Lt. Budnik will be attending Incident Safety Officer class this month.

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.

This past month we had Cmdr. Leiser and FF/PM Swiontek attend a Haz-Mat Division 20 monthly training.

Cmdr. Leiser attended the Training and Safety officer monthly meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser, Cmdr. Chiodo, FF/PM Swiontek and FF/PM Leiser all attended the Strike Force Fire Investigator Seminar on Restaurant fires.

Cmdr. Leiser and Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Division 20 training and Safety Officer meeting.

Cmdr. Leiser and Cmdr. Chiodo attended the Fire Investigator monthly meeting.

FF/PM LiRosi and FF/PM Leiser attended the State Fire Marshal Instructor I class.

FF/PM Hudacek and FF/PM Bubis attended Fire Apparatus Engineer school in the State Fire marshal program.

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

Members completed 273 hours of training for the month with 26 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Our Paid On Call had 4 meetings for 22 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 Lt. Cesaretti and FF/PM Chung and FF/PM Gergits.

Lt. Cesaretti was instrumental in retrieving data on our fit testing when all other avenues appeared to indicate that it was lost. Lt. Cesaretti refused to believe that unplugging our fit test laptop lost the information and search the computer using all his resources to locate where the information was and then print it out. This saved the department from having to have all personnel be re-tested and to go to another department to get tested. Lt. Cesaretti saved the department 45 hours of personnel time that would have been lost.

Our second set of nominees is for taking the rotary saw project and

running with it by setting up demonstrations and negotiating the best possible price in obtaining the saws. They followed through from its inception all the way to purchase and getting us the additional training.

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 2011 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.

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. These include a new addition to the library and a new bank. Ground was broken for the new Chase Bank Branch. This will be followed by a new Aldi's being built. A new eatery is also planned for the old Brown's Chicken.

When you bring back your fire inspections, make a copy of the pre-plan forms and submit to FF/PM Bubis. Tim 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. If you are interested in helping Tim, please see him.

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.

Two youngsters wrote us a note thanking the firefighters for letting him and his sister visit the firehouse.

Public Affairs

Saving Lives Through Education

We have been very pro-active in

Public Education during the past month.

Members of the fire department were guests at the Veterans Day celebration at Lincoln Middle school where all three school choirs sang patriotic songs and thanked the veterans from American Legion Post 104 and all the other veterans present.

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 will be having its annual Christmas party on December 4th. Information can be found in the firehouse. All members and their families are invited. Santa is rumored to be making an appearance.

With FF/PM LiRosi going on short term disability FF/PM Niemand will take over and collect \$60 per member for the house fund. This fund is what pays for all the common food items. For a listing of items or purchases see Adam. He will not buy any new supplies until all members are paid up.

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.

Retiree Row

Our most recent "retiree" Lt. Anderson has visited several times and is finding it hard to adjust to being off. He will keep us apprised of his health and see whether or not he will need back surgery.

Stork Report/ Announcements

FF/PM Collette Hudacek continues with her pregnancy and continues to work. She is expecting in early February 2012. Congratulations!

Any word on the horizon please drop us a note.

And Finally...

Forgiveness is a gift of value, yet it cost nothing.

Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Booster Line* will be 8:00 A.M.

December 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 7 -Courtesy of Lt. Hatcher

New Lock out Tag Out kit on Engine 455

Page 8- Courtesy of Lt. Budnik

Procession through Schiller Park with crosses ladders for Corporal Nickolas Daniels USMC Killed in Action

Page 9- 10 Courtesy of Cmdr. Chiodo

Page 9--Bike rider smashes throw wind shield after being hit. FF/PM Chung slides down a fire pole.

Page 10—FF/Pm Gergits, FF/PM Bubis and PM Takoy all demonstrate their Boy Scout skills cooking dinner on a dutch oven.