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*SMALL TOWN FEEL WITH A WORLD AT ITS TOUCH*

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Trustee Thomas F. Deegan, Chairman  
Police, Fire, Emergency Management, 9-1-1, EMS Committee  
Village of Schiller Park

Dear Chairman Deegan,

Attached is a summation of the reports covering the activities of the Fire Department for the month of September 2020. These include revenues received, run counts and information related to the divisions within the Department.

	2020		2019	
	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD
<b>Fire Responses:</b>				
Total Fire Incidents	199	1,512	198	1,668
Fire	3	42	4	42
Rescue and Ambulance Assists	104	903	144	917
False Alarms and System Malfunctions	20	490	80	709
Mutual Aid to Franklin Park	0	12	2	13
Mutual Aid from Franklin Park	17	121	21	145
Mutual Aid to Rosemont	17	114	13	156
Mutual Aid from Rosemont	15	123	17	129
Mutual Aid to Norwood Park	22	133	17	179
Mutual Aid from Norwood Park	14	94	18	111
<b>Emergency Medical Services:</b>				
Total Responses	113	1040	138	1,119
Advanced Life Support Responses	41	377	41	412
Basic Life Support Responses	27	244	32	242
Refusals/Multiple Patient Refusals	20	190	32	238
Other Non-Transports	4	37	6	46
Fire Responses	21	167	27	201
Mutual Aid to Schiller Park	4	55	8	53
Schiller Park Mutual aid to other communities	6	28	5	53
Number of Female Bond Hearings	0	0	2	6
Number of Hours for Female Bond Hearings	0	0	4	12.5
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes taught	0	1	0	12
Number of students taught (COVID 19 precautions)	0	5	0	107

	2020		2019	
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<b><u>Revenues Generated:</u></b>				
False Fire Alarm Fees Collected	\$ 100	\$ 950	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,675
Ambulance Fees Collected	\$ 3,100	\$	\$ 18,163	\$ 158,804
Fire Re-Inspection Fees Collected	\$ 0	\$ 3,675	\$ 450	\$ 1,080
Tollway Fees Collected	\$ 400	\$ 10,300	\$ 1,200	\$ 10,800
Fire/Ambulance Reports Collected	\$ 0	\$ 45	\$ 0	\$ 0
Spiller Pay Fees Collected	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CPR Fees Collected	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,821
SMG monitoring Fees Collected	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,300	\$ 12,750
Grant Distribution (*20**)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Training Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 6,917	\$ 0	\$ 2,139
Employee Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Risk Fund Grant	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
BSI Online	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CARES Act Collected	\$ 0	\$ 6,283		

False Fire Alarm Fees Billed	\$	\$ 400	\$ 700	\$ 2,075
Fire Re-Inspection Fees Billed	\$	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,880	\$ 6,930
Tollway Fees Billed	\$	\$ 11,350	\$ 5,050	\$ 12,650
Adjudication Findings/Decisions/Orders (3901 Mannheim Road)	\$	\$ 530		
Adjudication Late Fee (3901 Mannheim Road)	\$	\$ 200		
Spiller Pay Fees Billed	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

### **Training Activities:**

Number of Training Drills/Evolutions	49	264	34	224
Number of Training Hours	74	1,563	381	2,979

- The following training activities were completed:

- Tactics & Strategies tabletop scenarios
  - Illinois Fire Service Institute Cornerstone Class: Fire Origin & Cause Awareness
  - Water Rescue Training at the Anna Montana Water Park & Memorial Pool
  - SCBA (Airpack) Module C: Consumption Testing
  - Small Tools Annual Preventative Maintenance completed
  - Truck Standpipe Operations at PreFlight Airport Parking
  - myGIS Training Conducted by GIS Specialist Melissa Pump
  - Loyola Emergency Medical Services System Continuing Education
- Lt. Niemand passed Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Training Program Manager examination
- FF/PM Bubis passed the OSFM exams for Company Officer and Instructor II
- FF/PM Bertoncini passed the OSFM exam for Vehicle & Machinery Operations
- FF/PM Rusciollelli took the OSFM exam for Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification
- FF/PM Rupsis took the OSFM exam for Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification
- Target Solutions credentials for Incident Safety Officer, OSHA/IDOL, and NFPA have been developed and will be assigned to personnel in 2021

### **Special Teams**

#### ***Hazardous Materials -***

- No Hazardous Materials incidents occurred in Schiller Park.
- FF/PMs Dehmlow, Loch, and Linehan attended a training session on 9/16/2020.

- There are 4 members of the department on the Hazardous Materials Team.

***Technical Rescue -***

- No technical rescue calls occurred in Schiller Park nor the Division.
- Division 20 Technical Rescue team training was cancelled due to Covid-19.
- There are 2 members of the department on the Technical Rescue Team.

***Fire Investigations -***

- There are 3 Fire Investigators on the department.
- There were no fire investigator responses.

***Swiftwater Rescue -***

- There are 4 members on the Swiftwater Rescue Team.
- There were no swift water rescue responses or training sessions.

***Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) -***

- FF/PM Dehmlow attended Illinois Task Force 1 training in Dwight, IL.

***Honor Guard -***

- The monthly drill was cancelled due to Covid-19

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<b><u>Fire Prevention Activities:</u></b>				
New Inspections	6	180	16	314
Follow-up re-inspections	8	153	44	286
FPB Plan Review (Fire Alarm) Billed	\$ 0	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 0
FPB Plan Review (Fire Alarm) Received	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 0
FPB Plan Review (Sprinkler System) Billed	\$ 0	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 0
FPB Plan Review (Sprinkler System) Received	\$ 0	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 0

- Addressed the status of repairs for the trouble alarm status of the fire protection system:
  - 9700 Irving Park Road
- Calculated and provided occupancy load certificates:
  - 9639 Irving Park Road
- Addressed status of repairs of fire damage:
  - 9444 Kelvin Lane
- Addressed the incorrect size of Storz fittings for the fire department connections:
  - 9500 Ainslie Street
  - 10501-5 Delta Parkway
- Reviewed and addressed trouble alarms as listed in weekly reports from SMG/Midwest Central Dispatch.
- Reviewed and addressed deficiencies noted in received fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection reports.

**Community Engagement Activities:**

- The Department participated in the Boy Scout and Knights of Columbus American Flag retirement ceremony, which was held in Clocktower Park on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Maintenance Activities:**

- Created new maintenance checksheets for the coming months.
- Updated hose records.
- Updated fire flow records.
- Completed 8 fire flows for Zone 1.
- Continued process for new engine replacement.

- Updated the force-back list.
- Researched options for the sale of Engine 453. The vehicle was listed with Fire Line Equipment for a 90 day period.
- Continued the annual flushing of 430 fire hydrants.
- Inventoried new hydrants installed on Grace Street.
- Power saw repaired by vendor.
- Replaced apparatus floor ceiling light bulbs – ordered new light bulbs.
- Finished installing light fixtures in living quarters.
- Performed preventive maintenance on all 16 small tools fuel-running equipment.
- Ordered new pressure gauge for pump testing flow tip.
- Tool room cleaned and organized.
- Light ballasts replaced in training/day room.
- 2 buckets of wash soap ordered and received.

### *Vehicles –*

- **450:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 30,600 to 31,557.
- **451:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 33,573 to 33,974
  - Programmed and installed new docking station and Toughbook computer.
- **453:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 32,190 + 25,200 to 32,678 + 25,200.
  - The vehicle passed its annual pump stress test.
- **454:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 13,377 to 13,747.
  - Ladder maintenance was performed, including removal of grease from ladder channels, deep cleaning, applied new grease to ladder fittings, water way, turntable gear, and outriggers.
- **455:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 73,243 to 73,317.
  - The vehicle passed its annual pump stress test.
- **458:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 70,058 to 70,179.
- **461:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 14,204 to 15,136.
  - The oil filter change light was reset.
- **463:** Completed weekly and monthly maintenance checks. Mileage: 66,589 to 66,672.
  - The inverter was repaired and re-installed.

### **Emergency Management Activities:**

- No Activity

### **Emergency Medical Services Activities:**

- Kept the Department up-to-date with treatment of patients with possible exposure to Covid-19, as well as what personal protection equipment to wear when treating such patients.
- Purchased PPE through the CARES Act
- Continued to staff the ambulance with two (2) part-time paramedics to supplement the full-time firefighter/paramedic that has not been replaced. This has been done to reduce overtime spending.
- Ordered a new LifePak 15 EKG/Defibrillator to replace the outdated LifePak 12 on Engine 5.
- The Loyola Paramedic System student rider completed his ride time in Schiller Park – had a great experience.
- Continuing education was Adult Behavioral Emergencies and Special Populations.
- There were many patients who had tested positive for Covid-19 that were transported, but there have been no positive tests of Fire Department members.
- Enhanced the disinfection procedures for the apparatus and living quarters to combat the spread of Covid-19 using an UVC light, as well as a Clorox electrostatic sprayer.
- There was a possible COVID exposure to four full-time personnel and one part-time paramedic from a patient during an aggressive full cardiac arrest resuscitation. The personnel were quarantined and tested, with all test results received as negative.
- No reported sharps injuries.
- No infant/child car seat installations.
- No CPR classes were taught due to Covid-19 and the associated stay-at-home orders of the Governor.
- Initial measures were taken to start the replacement of Ambulance 463.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

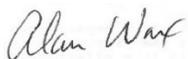
- Continue to accept part-time paramedic applications to supplement part-time paramedic staff.
- Personnel to attend an Illinois Fire Service Institute Firefighter Self Rescue & Survival class.
- Personnel to participate in a Fire Service Vehicle Operator Competency Course at WallyPark.
- Personnel to complete the Fire Department Road Course.
- Personnel to participate in EMS system intubation practice.
- Personnel to participate in SCBA Module D – Fireground Operations.
- Apply for additional Medicaid Funds available from the Federal Government Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program through the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
- Have discussions with the ambulance billing vendor regarding their rates.
- Purchase a new power cot and power load system for the ambulance, possibly through CARES Act funding.

**Miscellaneous Activities:**

- Interim Chief Wax attended the following:
  - Village Board meetings
  - Staff meetings
  - Municipal Consolidated Dispatch Board meeting
  - Weekly meetings with the Interim Village Manager
  - Several Union contract negotiation meetings
  - The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners’ meeting
  - A MABAS Division 20 Chiefs’ meeting
  - A meeting of the Executive Board of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
  - A Schiller Park Fire Department Officers meeting
  - Responded to the Following Incidents:
 

○ 9508 Winona	Reported Structure Fire
○ 1822 36 <sup>th</sup> Ave in Stone Park	Melrose Park Box Alarm Structure Fire
○ 2116 S 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave in Broadview	Box Alarm Structure Fire
- Chief Peter Chiodo retired from the Fire Department on September 1<sup>st</sup> after 31 years of dedicated service. A reception and a ceremony were held that day.
- Continued UV disinfecting lamp use throughout the firehouse and vehicles.
- Continued to inventory PPE for Covid-19, N-95 masks, safety glasses, gowns.
- Continued rotating front-line use of engines to even-out wear and tear.
- Continued to recycle, following protocols and utilizing the recycling dumpster in the rear of the fire station.
- Provided members with weekly briefings via Crewsense.
- Conducted a fire department officer meeting.
- Terri Roth continued to do the Fire Department administrative work while simultaneously carrying on duties for the Police Department.
  - *Terri was unavailable for Fire Department administrative work due to attendance in court/bond hearings with prisoners as a matron 0 times.*
- The Fire Department continued one member short of full staffing.
- Members continued to clean and make the best use of space in the fire station.
- Village Authorized surplus property was listed on EBAY.

Sincerely



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cc: Mayor  
Village Clerk