On June 14, the Park Ridge Fire Department rescued two workers that were tuckpointing and cleaning the facade of the Pickwick Theater. The bucket on their boom lift got wedged into the side of the building and the workers could not get it released on their own. Both workers were rescued unharmed, by the crew of Tower #36.
June 1, 2012

Chief Mike Zywanski
Park Ridge Fire Department
901 W. Devon Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Chief Zywanski,

On behalf of the Des Plaines Fire Department, I thank you and the members of your organization for the assistance during our Hazardous Materials incident last Friday afternoon, May 25th at 247 Norman Court.

As has been proven time and again, we would not be able to respond so effectively and efficiently if we did not have our regional mutual aid programs in place.

We continue to value our excellent relationship with our neighboring departments, and thank you for your professional assistance on this incident and through the years.

Please pass-along my thanks to those who responded last Friday.

Warmest regards,

Alan G. Wax, Fire Chief
Des Plaines Fire Department
Jeff Sorensen  
Park Ridge Fire Department  
901 W Devon  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to job shadow you. My experience was very rewarding. I never knew that the crew always stayed together in a group and that the job was really challenging.

My favorite part of the job shadow was when I received the tour of all the equipment and vehicles. I also enjoyed the brief presentation about the job.

Again thank you so much for taking time out of your day to help me learn about your profession. It really helped me decide my major next year when I attend Illinois State University.

Sincerely,

Ed Terlecki
The Fire Department attended the Farmers Market on June 9, 2012. Assorted fire prevention materials were passed out and kids were able to practice hitting a target using the pump can.

Assorted comments from parents that received pictures:

- Thank you very much for sending the photo. Ella & Genevieve really enjoyed the experience at the Fire Department's booth.
  Best,
  Kati

- Thanks so much for sending it! We all had a great time. I think it is such a great idea to have activities like this for the kids to help them appreciate the market & fresh local produce.

- Thanks so much, Deputy Chief Sorensen! It's a great picture - thanks for remembering. I only claim the well-behaved parts of the boy - anything else is his father :) It was great to meet you and what a nice thing to do for the kids at the Farmers market - Hayden loves it and his hat is a big hit!

  Harmony
### Response Statistics

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### Incident Response

**Deputy Chief Sorensen**

**June 8**
An early morning car crash resulted in two patients being transported to Lutheran General Hospital. The crash occurred at the intersection of Manor Lane and Dee Road. One vehicle traveled through landscaping and up on a lawn at the residence.

**June 10**
A car crash occurred in the 2700 block of Mayfield Drive. One patient was transported to Lutheran General Hospital. One vehicle, possibly a cab, struck 2 parked cars in the incident.
June 15  Paramedics responded to the Maine East High School carnival for the report of a child in “pain”. A refusal was signed. No other calls were received from the carnival.

June 22  Paramedics responded to the concert in the park for the person who fell. One patient was transported to Resurrection Medical Center.

Three paramedic students began their field internships with the Fire Department in June. These students are from the St. Francis Hospital EMS system 2012 paramedic class:

John Kelly will begin his internship on Sunday, 6/24/12.

Braden Klausing will begin his internship on Monday, 6/25/12.

Don Zuniga will begin his internship on Tuesday, 6/26/12.

June 16  Engine 35 responded to the 1900 block of S. Cumberland for a reported fence fire. A small mulch fire that was communicating to a wooden fence was located. The fire was quickly extinguished with a portable water extinguisher. No monetary damage resulted.

The investigation concluded that the fire resulted from a cigarette that was improperly disposed of. The fire was classified as accidental.

June 20  Tower 36 responded to the 800 block of Busse for a mulch fire. A small area was smoldering and a near-by garden hose was used to extinguish the fire and soak the adjacent area. No monetary damage resulted.

The investigation could not identify the cause of the fire. The fire was classified as undetermined.

June 22  Engine 35 responded for an outside fire along the 800 block of W. Glenlake. A recliner chair was found in a park burning. A portable water extinguisher was used to douse the fire. No monetary damages were reported.

Investigators could not identify the actual cause of the fire. The fire was classified as undetermined.

June 27  Tower 36 responded to the 100 block of S. Northwest Highway for an outside fire. A very small mulch fire was found remote from any structures. The fire
was stomped out and the area was soaked down. No monetary damage resulted.

A discarded cigarette was found at the point of origin and was credited as the cause of the fire. The fire was classified as accidental.

Quick Drill
Throughout the month the Training Division assigns various quick drills to be discussed at the morning roll call. The quick drills for June were New Tricks For Old Extrication Tools, Map Grid #3580 Review, and Standing Orders.

Report of the Week
Throughout the month the shifts are assigned a report from the National Firefighters Near Miss web portal. The site provides firefighters a place to anonymously document and share their close calls and near miss experiences with other firefighters around the country. By sharing these reports we hope to prevent similar situations from happening in the future. The reports reviewed for June were Airbag Deploys After Car Fire Extinguishment and 360 Degree Size-up…..A Rule You Can Live By.

Word of the Week
Throughout the month shift members at each station are assigned a word. The member researches the word as it relates to the fire service and presents his/her findings to the rest of his station during the morning roll call meeting. The words for June were Vesicant and Polar Solvent.

Target Safety Online Training
All department personnel worked towards completing the training module HIPPA Awareness.

Automatic Aid Training/NFPA 1410 Evolutions
All Park Ridge personnel participated in a joint training session with the Niles, Morton Grove, and North Maine Fire Departments. There were three days of morning and afternoon drills that focused on relay pumping, elevated master streams, and equipment interoperability. The training was conducted at the Emerson School in Niles.

MABAS Division III Special Teams
Members of the Fire Investigation, HAZMAT, URRT (Dive), and TRT teams participated in Division III training drills.

Park Ridge hosted a TRT equipment demonstration by PARATECH.

Outside Training
No outside training this month.
Training Photos

Hazardous Materials Team (HAZMAT)
Hazmat team members participated in a 3-day drill in Morton Grove for evidence collection of hazardous materials. The emphasis was on clandestine drug labs.

Underwater and Rescue and Recovery Team (URRT)
Nothing to report for June.

Technical Rescue Team (TRT)
The Park Ridge TRT participated in a trench response drill in Evanston. This drill allowed TRT members to practice skills and techniques needed to safely mitigate a rescue for workers that may be trapped in a collapsed trench.

Special Teams
Battalion Chief Scott Sankey
Due to the high amount of miles and the stresses that the vehicles are put under, it is critical that we perform routine and emergency maintenance in cooperation with the City Garage. Below is a list of the maintenance completed for the month:

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**Fire Prevention**

Lieutenant Kevin Plach

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Public Education
Lieutenant Kevin Plach

Highlights
Lt. Plach taught first aid to 18 kids for a babysitting class that was held at the Park Ridge Public Library.

Car Seat Safety Checks
17 car seat safety checks were performed in June.

CPR and First Aid classes have been suspended.

Park Ridge Fire Explorer Post 3536
There were 2 meetings in June.
The first meeting held on June 6 was used to re-familiarize the Explorers with proper vertical ventilation techniques using the new roof simulator at Station 36. Explorers were able to chop holes with an ax on a pitched roof to simulate opening up a roof above a fire.

At the meeting held June 20, Advisor FF/PM Piltaver went over SCBA use again, to prepare the Explorers for the live fire training they would receive at the Illinois Fire Safety Institute (IFSI) for the weekend of June 28-July 1, 2012.

On June 28th, 6 Explorers and 3 Advisors met up with dozens and dozens of other posts from around the country at the Illinois Fire Service Institute campus in Champaign for the 10th annual Explorer Hands on Training weekend.

The 4-day weekend went very well, despite extremely high temperatures. Explorers and Advisors were disappointed that the live fire drills were cancelled on the first 2 days, and scaled back for the rest of the weekend to ensure everyone’s safety. The explorers had a great time, and as always are already excited for next year. This program involved the following:

First-time participants began with two days of firefighting core competencies, so youth with little or no experience can still participate and be successful. The remainder of their experiences were in live-fire scenarios in a controlled and safe scenario-based training experience. Past participating youth began their training with coordinated fire ground operations and finish with engine company operations in a live fire and smoke environment. Evening classes included auto extrication or vehicle rescue techniques and a new classroom session called, “Firefighter, Fire Truck, Fire House”.


Monthly Tip

OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

USE COMMON SENSE:

- Follow manufacturer's suggestions on setting up and use of fireplace.
- Be sure that the fireplace assembly is in good structural condition so that it will not topple over causing a fire.
- Do not let children play in the area of a fireplace. They may accidentally knock over the fireplace starting a fire or being burned.
- Never leave children or pets unsupervised near the fireplace.
- Do not leave the fire unattended. There should be an adult present at all times.
- Do not burn on windy days. Sparks can travel a long distance and ignite nearby combustibles.
- Keep plenty of water (or fire extinguisher) nearby in case fire does get out of control.
- Be sure fire is totally extinguished before you leave the area.
- Build fires away from overhanging branches, dry grass, and leaves. Pile extra wood away from the fire.
- Be sure ashes are cold before disposing of them. Place them in a metal container for at least 24 hours.
- Never use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.
- Do not use on wooden decks and balconies; set on non-combustible surfaces such as concrete or stone.
- Do not burn treated lumber in any fireplace.
- Do not burn trash in the fireplace, embers can be easily blown around. Be sure the screen around the fireplace is in good condition (no holes).
- Never attempt to burn aerosol cans; heated cans will explode. Flying metal from an exploding can might cause an injury. Burning trash scattered by such an explosion can cause the fire to spread.
- Check local laws on burning. There may be some municipalities that forbid this type of burning.
- Do not use an *outdoor* fireplace indoors.
GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS
1. Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
2. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and other eaves and overhanging branches.
3. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
4. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
5. Never leave your grill unattended.

CHARCOAL GRILLS
1. There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
2. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
3. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
4. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
5. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS
Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, try small or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

FACTS
1. July is the peak month for grill fires.
2. More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.
3. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

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