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## CHANNAHON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Rick Kruger Chief Engineer

Rick Kruger is the Chief Engineer for the Channahon Fire Protection District. What started out as a hobby and a desire to help people turned into a full time position. Rick began volunteering 29 years ago, in 2008 he started working part-time and in 2009 he accepted a full time position with the Fire Protection District.

His responsibilities include maintaining and repairing all mechanical equipment on the vehicles and in the stations. Rick works with fellow engineers to make sure everything is working properly.

Rick has earned Illinois Firefighter 3 certification as well as Emergency Vehicle Technician certification.

Due to his hard work and dedication, Rick was selected as Firefighter of the Year at the Fire Protection District twice, the first time in 1992 and again in 2006.



“Rick has really been the asset we were anticipating,” Chief Riddle affirms. “He is multi-talented, focused and dedicated well beyond the 9-5 mind set. He can repair just about everything in our operation and does so with a great attitude.”

Even though Rick is a full-time employee he is still happy to volunteer additional hours to help out when needed. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a job they love, Channahon residents are lucky to have someone like Rick working for them.

### *Excuse our Dust...*

The start of a one year expansion project began April 7 at Station 1 on Center Street. Additions include new living quarters for the firefighters, a new training center and administrative offices.

### **Digging this Spring?**

**Call JULIE at 811.**

*Failure to call before digging results in more than one unintentional hit per minute nationwide.*

**In 2009, the Will County 9-1-1 System received approximately 320,000 9-1-1 calls for emergencies.**

## 9-1-1 Education Challenge

Everyone knows that 9-1-1 is a universal number that should be called in the event of an emergency...or do they? 9-1-1 Centers all over the United States have encountered hurdles when educating the public about 9-1-1 and its uses. The month of April was National 9-1-1 Education Month. The goal is to educate as many people on 9-1-1, its uses, its challenges, and its future capabilities.

In 2009, the Will County 9-1-1 System received approximately 320,000 9-1-1 calls for emergencies.

Some general guidelines for 9-1-1 are:

- 9-1-1 is for police, fire and medical emergencies.
- Know the location of the incident. Providing an accurate address is critically important - especially when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.
- If you call 9-1-1, don't hang up.
- Don't call 9-1-1 for jokes or prank calls.
- When you call 9-1-1, pay attention to the questions that you are being asked.
- Stay on the line with the 9-1-1 call taker and answer all questions. The more information they have, the better they are able to help you.
- Stay calm and speak clearly.
- For further questions or for additional information, contact your local 9-1-1 Center.
- Additional information regarding the 9-1-1 Education Challenge and 9-1-1 resources is available at [www.IL911info.org](http://www.IL911info.org).

## 9-1-1 Special Needs Form

The Channahon Fire District has available a 911 form to assist persons with special needs in emergency situations.

The form is designed to collect information that will help support persons with special needs when 9-1-1 is called. Once the form is received, information about a person's special needs is stored in the 911 system and will be immediately available to first responders in emergency situations. Submission of the form is voluntary and all information is kept confidential. Forms are available at Channahon Fire District Station 1, located at 24929 S. Center.

## Take a Minute to Check Your 9-1-1 Information...

You must call [815-467-2121](tel:815-467-2121) first to notify dispatch that you will be calling 9-1-1 to verify your address location is correct. Then dial 9-1-1 and the dispatcher will verify the address associated with that phone line.

## "Share the Road" May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) for information on keeping motorcycle riders safe.

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Smoke Detector  
need help? Call  
us to replace your  
batteries.

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Blood pressure  
checks available at  
the Channahon Fire  
Protection District.



Find the Channahon  
Fire Protection  
District on Facebook

**Looking for information on the H1N1 Virus?**

**Please visit these sites for more information:**

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) • [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us) • [willcountyhealth.org](http://willcountyhealth.org)

## Telephone Solicitations

We receive many phone calls throughout the year from concerned citizens, inquiring about telephone solicitations they receive, purporting to be made on behalf of the members of the Channahon Fire Protection District.

We always share the same information with our residents: We receive NO benefit from any of these telephone, door-to-door or mailed solicitations. Most of these solicitations are very carefully worded to suggest that your donation will help local firefighters, local retired firefighters or local police officers. That's just not true.

The members of the Channahon Fire Protection District value our relationship with our residents and will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain those valued relationships.

Please use every opportunity to share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.

Any donation a resident would like to make to the fire district may be mailed directly to our headquarters station at 24929 S. Center St., Channahon, IL 60410. This is the only way to insure your donation directly benefits the fire protection district.

Please call me with any questions, comments or concerns regarding this issue.

*David S. Riddle, Chief*  
Channahon Fire Protection District

## Fire Prevention News

**Joseph Casella, Fire Prevention Officer**

### *Spring Clean Up*

One of the biggest jobs we have is maintaining our homes and keeping them organized. As spring approaches we should be planning our annual spring clean up. Create a plan, keep fire safety in mind and make it a family event.

It's easy to discard or recycle paper products, plastics, metal, and aluminum. These items will be picked up by our weekly disposal service. However, the proper way to Recycle and Dispose of household chemicals and hazardous products, sometimes causes a problem.

For disposal of household hazardous waste such as paint (oil based only), stains and thinners, old gasoline, lawn chemicals, cleaning products and solvents, contact these agencies for drop-off locations and time:

**Will County** - [wservices@willcountylanduse.com](mailto:wservices@willcountylanduse.com)  
Business Recycling in Will County or Household Hazardous Waste call 815-727-8834

**Grundy County** - [www.grundyco.org](http://www.grundyco.org)  
Land Use Department, Environmental Resource Conservation Office call 815-941-3214

For disposal of Electronic Equipment, such as, personal computers and laptops, monitors, keyboards, printers, TV's, VCR, DVD, laser disc players, microwaves, video game players, contact Channahon Township at (815) 467-2699. Drop off hours are Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, March-October and Saturdays 8am-2pm, year-round.

## Jacob Randich to receive Medal of Valor Award

Lt. Jacob Randich will receive the Medal of Valor Award from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal on May 13, 2010 for his part in a successful water rescue where a disoriented male drove into the Des Plaines River. One of Lt. Randich's fellow firefighters stated, "The ice rescue he performed I believe goes without saying was tremendous. He had the foresight to recognize what needed to be done and what equipment and training would be needed...the rescue was done correctly and in a timely manner that I am sure saved a life". The Medal of Valor award is given by the state of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of heroism or bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger while in the performance of duty.



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## POSTAL PATRON

You may receive this newsletter even if you live outside the boundaries of the Channahon Fire Protection District.  
In order to save on costs, everyone in certain carrier routes will receive this mailing.

### Adopt-A-Hydrant

Caleigh Beverly was awarded the Adopt-A-Hydrant Adoption Certificate for adopting the fire hydrant on Jonathan Drive. Caleigh will try to keep the hydrant clear of trash and weeds and keep a path open from the hydrant to the street at all times and will quickly report any damage or leaks to the Fire Protection District.



For more information the Adopt-A-Hydrant program and how you can help visit [www.channahonfire.org](http://www.channahonfire.org) or call 815-467-6767.

### Upcoming Classes

Please visit [www.channahonfire.com](http://www.channahonfire.com) for more information including registration.

- May 22 -- Friends & Family CPR, 8am-noon at Minooka Fire District
- June 5 -- Babysitting Class, 8am-2:30pm at Minooka Fire District (St. #2)\*
- June 12 -- Babysitting Class, 8am-2:30pm at Minooka Fire District (St. #2)\*
- June 12 -- Healthcare Provider CPR, 9am-noon at Channahon Fire District
- July 17 -- Heart Saver CPR/AED, 8am-noon at Minooka Fire District

*Registration deadline for all classes is 5 days prior to the start of the class by 4pm except Babysitting. \*Registration deadline for both Babysitting classes is June 1, by 4pm.*

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