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SIRENS

Channahon

Fire

"The Channahon Fire Protection District and its members provide a unique service in the areas of emergency response, education and awareness with professionalism, dedication and pride to the community and those in need."

Water Safety on the River

Every year, during the summer months, Channahon Fire Protection District and surrounding fire districts are called out for water rescues. Many of these incidents can be prevented if people would take the time to be prepared and safe.

Rivers, lakes, and ponds can be fun places for water activities. However, rivers and streams are a part of nature and are always changing. They present different risks than swimming pools. Safety should be your first concern when near rivers or other waterways, particularly near a dam.

Follow these simple safety tips:

- **Check river and stream conditions** before heading out on your adventure and always let someone know where you are going and when you will return. River and stream condition information may be found at visitor centers, ranger stations, and from weather alerts.
- **Wear a properly fitting personal flotation device** (life jacket) for both children and adults. Don't assume you have the swimming skills to keep you afloat, even the strongest swimmers can drown.
- **Keep a close watch on children** even if they are far from the water. Water safety for children is especially important as they can quickly enter the water and get in trouble when your attention is diverted for only a moment.
- **If river flows are high**, especially after a major rainfall, postpone your trip until the flows have returned to safer levels. Flows can change quickly.
- **Never boat or canoe near dams** where there can be undertows and extreme currents. Stay upstream of any navigation marker buoys.
- **Never boat or canoe at night** and know where your access areas are located.
- **Leave the water if a thunderstorm or lightning** is approaching (this applies to any activity in or near water).





Child Safety Seats

Did you know, not every police and fire department has certified technicians? We do! But since they are not here every day, we require that you call and make an appointment. If your baby is due any day, don't wait until the last minute!

Eighty-three percent of car seats installed by parents are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat.

If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions, or concerns, a certified child passenger safety technician is able to help or even double check your work.

Our technicians will teach you how to install your car seat so that you can always be sure your car seat is used correctly...for free!

Call today! 815-467-6767

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Safety Calendar Winners

Pioneer Path School third grade students were given an art assignment to help create a calendar for the Fire District. Each class walked to Fire Station #1 to take pictures of the station, fire apparatus, and equipment. Armed with iPads and excitement, the students took lots of pictures. When they got back to art class, Mrs. Megan Verbic had them edit their pictures using an app on their iPads. They printed out the pictures and mounted them on black paper to be given to Firefighter Cindy.

Firefighter Cindy had the hard job of picking out the winners. Twelve (one for each month) and the grand prize winner for the cover. All of the pictures were unique.

The calendars are designed to match the school calendar– August to August. Once the school board approves the 2018-2019 dates, they are then added to the Safety Calendar. The winners were announced at school. On April 25th, Channahon Fire hosted the 3rd Annual Art Gallery. All of the pictures were displayed on the wall of the fire station. The winning photos were specially displayed on art easels. A couple of the students even surprised their parents that they had won...well, more like they forgot to tell them! All of the winning students were recognized at the Channahon School Board Meeting on May 21st. Check out the last page of the newsletter for all of the winning pictures.



All of the third grade pictures displayed at Art Gallery night.



Grand Prize Winner-Cover
Mckena M.



Winning pictures were displayed on art easels.

SUMMER SAFETY



Vacation safety

Vacations are a time to get away from stress, to relax, and have fun. Here are a few tips to stay safe:

- ♦ **Stay off social media.** Don't tip criminals off by sharing too much information on your social networks. Refrain from posting photos, status updates, or "checking in" while on vacation. Even if you have the highest security settings on Facebook and Twitter, your personal information could still be seen by unwanted eyes. Wait until you get home to show off your pictures.
- ♦ **Tell friends and family at home your itinerary.** It's a good idea to let family and friends know your plans. Always let someone know when you're expected to be back and what route you're planning to take. Have a neighbor keep an eye on your home while you are gone.
- ♦ **Be aware of your surroundings – always!** If someone/something looks suspicious – trust your gut and get yourself away from the situation.



Pool Safety

In the United States, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children aged 1–14 years. These tips could save someone's life:

- ♦ **Eyes on kids at all times.** All children should be supervised by an adult, even when a life guard is present. Stay off of your cell phone.
- ♦ **Learn CPR.** Quick action and knowing CPR can be the difference between life or death.
- ♦ **Barriers around water areas.** All home pools should have a fence with a lockable gate around them. Remove any ladders from the above ground pools when not in use. Keep doors leading out to a pool locked to prevent younger children from escaping.
- ♦ **Swim lessons.** Being able to swim is an essential life-saving skill, not to mention swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina, and even improves balance and posture.
- ♦ **Set and enforce safety rules.** Make sure children understand that they should never go near the water without an adult or without asking permission.

HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103*+)
- Hot, red, dry skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness

- Call 9-1-1 immediately
- Move person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting

- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen clothing
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than one hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
- Muscle pain or spasms

- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity and apply cold compress to cramped area.
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than one hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems



Life Safety Innovation

On April 17, Firefighter Cindy Wilson received the Life Safety Innovation Award at the 2017-2018 Appreciation Dinner. The award is in recognition of her expertise and dedication as a driving force of risk reduction and life safety education within the Channahon Fire Protection District.

Firefighter Cindy will be a speaker at the National Public Safety Educators Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in July.



Swearing In



On June 14, 2018, Firefighter/Paramedic Brennan Dircks was sworn in as a District employee. FF Dircks was previously a contract firefighter through Kurtz Ambulance service for Channahon Fire District for the last 5 years.

FF Dircks and his wife Katelyn have been married for two years and they reside in Peotone.

Congratulations Brennan!

Illinois Fire Safety Alliance

Camp I Am Me



A special and unforgettable one-week camp experience for children and teenagers who have experienced injuries from burns. Through the generosity of donors, supporters, and volunteers, the IFSA offers this camping opportunity at no-cost to campers; including lodging, meals, activities, and transportation to and from camp (YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside, IL).

No other IFSA program has received greater attention from the fire service, medical community, general public and the media than Camp "I Am Me". Camp provides the setting for child burn survivors to share their common experiences while being able to play and not feel self-conscious about their scars. The benefits to the campers -- physical, psychological, and emotional -- have been enough to inspire a long list of eager volunteers and contributors.

To donate to this great cause, visit Illinois Fire Safety Alliance at www.ifsa.org.

Safety Trailer Makeover

Our safety trailer is a great educational tool, but it has seen better days. It is over twelve years old. This year, we decided to give it a little makeover. The Three Rivers Festival Community grant helped us kick start the project. The grant money gave us enough to have a new floor installed. A big "THANK YOU" to Wes Cramer of NuVision Flooring & Remodeling in Channahon for the installation. Mr. Cramer donated the labor cost.

Part two of the makeover, will be to paint the inside and replace the damaged wood trim. Eventually, we will be replacing the awning and graphics on the outside of the trailer.

Stop by our safety trailer at this year's Three Rivers Festival August 8-12, 2018 to see the new improvements.



PHOTO GALLERY

The Fire District honored several members during the Appreciation Dinner on April 17, 2018. Individuals were recognized for their service and achievements within the organization during 2017.

Fifteen Years of Service

Lt. Andrew Anderson
and
Lt. Allen Koranda



Twenty-Five Years of Service

Trustee Robert Meyers



Luanne Cantrell, Chaplain
(above)

FF/PM Nathan Dikun
(right)

FF/PM Nathan Schraeger
(not pictured)

One Year of Service



PHOTO GALLERY

2017-18 Appreciation Dinner



INCIDENT #17-0000466

ENGINE COMPANY 411

Lt. Brian McMillin
FF/Medic Seth Baxter

AMBULANCE COMPANY 424

Lt. Allen Koranda
FF/Medic Richard Arnold
FF/Medic Kurt Liebermann
FF/Medic Nathan Schraeger

INCIDENT #17-0000980

ENGINE COMPANY 411

Lt. Brian McMillin
FF/Medic Kurt Liebermann

AMBULANCE COMPANY 414

FF/Medic Brennan Dircks
FF/Medic Dylan Schroeder
AMBULANCE COMPANY 424
Lt. Ryan Jandura
FF/Medic Mike Hammerstein
FF/Medic Nathan Dikun

Company Commendations

In commemoration of exemplary act of service deployment, the Channahon Fire Protection District Company Citation is awarded to the members of these companies on behalf of the Fire District's Executive Fire Service Leadership and its members.

INCIDENT #17-0000383

ENGINE COMPANY 411

Lt. Matt Skole
FF/Medic Terrence O'Hern

AMBULANCE COMPANY 414

FF/Medic Ethan Simmons
FF/Medic Jeremy Wilson

INCIDENT #17-0001100

AMBULANCE COMPANY 424

Lt. Allen Koranda
FF/Medic Richard Arnold
FF/Medic Scott Schneider

INCIDENT #17-0000414

ENGINE COMPANY 411

Lt. Allen Koranda
FF/Medic Kurt Liebermann

AMBULANCE COMPANY 424

FF/Medic Richard Arnold
FF/Medic Mike Hammerstein
FF/Medic Nathan Schraeger
AMBULANCE COMPANY 414
FF/Medic Seth Baxter
FF/Medic Ryan Biernat
SQUAD COMPANY 416
Lt. Matt Skole



Forty Years of Service

Trustee Michael Rittorf



Ten Years of Service

FF William Hulbert and FF/PM Scott Schneider

2018-2019

SAFETY CALENDAR WINNERS



Finn R.
November 2018



Quinn B.
August 2018



Jaelyn K.
September 2018



Brenna J.
April 2019



Brandon B.
October 2018



Joseph A.
December 2018



Joseph B.
January 2019



Stephanie C.
February 2019



Joshua R.
March 2019



Joey C.
May 2019



Audrey S.
June 2019



Kaden M.
July 2019

Fire District Board:

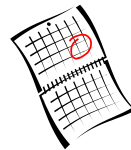
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JJ McClimon, Commissioner

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John Petrakis, Chief
Jeff Toepper, Deputy Chief
Jacque McLaughlin, Executive Fire Support Manager
Bill McCluskey, Information Technology Manager
Laron Sullivan, Fire Inspector
Cindy Wilson, Fire & Life Safety Educator



Dates to Remember

Class	Date	Time	Location
Health Care Prov. CPR	August 4	8a	Channahon
Three Rivers Fest	August 8-12		Channahon
1st Day of School	August 22		
1st/Aid/CPR/AED	September 8	8a	Minooka
Health Care Prov. CPR	November 3	8a	Channahon
1st/Aid/CPR/AED	December 1	8a	Minooka

For more information on the events above,
visit our website

www.channahonfire.com