

Guns & Hoses Moves to The Ice

Police Take On Fire in Charity Hockey Game

ORLAND PARK, IL – Orland Park’s Guns & Hoses contest has moved from the ballfield to the ice rink. During each of the village’s July 4th celebrations, representatives from the Orland Park Police Department face their counterparts from the Orland Fire Protection District in a spirited game of sixteen inch softball. The traveling trophy is currently on display at the fire district with firefighters having won the 2009 contest.

On **Sunday, November 29th**, law enforcement personnel will meet their fire/rescue challengers in a charity hockey game to benefit Toys for Tots and Special Olympics Illinois.

Orland Park Police Officer John Bush is one of the event organizers. “We always have a great time playing softball in the summer so we thought we’d keep it going and help Toys for Tots and Special Olympics Illinois at the same time,” Bush explained.

The **7:00 p.m. game** will be held at the **Arctic Ice Arena at 10700 West 160th Street in Orland Park**. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots or \$10 per person at the door.

“Right now, we have two full rosters on both teams with about nine guys on each from the respective Orland departments,” Bush explained. “On the police team, we have guys from Orland, as well as Crestwood, Chicago, New Lenox, Oak Lawn and the Cook County Sheriff’s Police,” he explained. “The Orland Fire team has mostly Orland guys plus firefighters from Naperville, Bolingbrook and Bridgeview,” he added.

Tammy Kenealy, wife of Orland Park Police Commander Tom Kenealy, is helping with the event.

“When my husband told me about the game, I asked how I could help,” Kenealy said. “I have a younger brother with Down’s Syndrome so helping to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois is very personal,” she explained.

Kenealy has been involved with the local hockey community for more than ten years. “We have many items for the raffle, including a television, gift certificates, Chicago Blackhawks tickets, gift baskets and the donations keep coming in,” she said. “The generosity and support from everyone has been overwhelming,” she added, smiling.

Kenealy recently met Chicago Blackhawks Head Coach Joel Quenneville and former Blackhawks Player Steve Konroyd at a local high school hockey game.

“Their generosity and support have been amazing! Not only have they arranged for a Chicago Blackhawks alumni player to appear at the event, they have also donated an autographed hockey stick signed by the entire team and one signed by the coach for our raffle,” she noted.

Along with the raffles, the evening will include Chuck-A-Puck and Shoot the Puck Contests with proceeds benefiting Toys for Tots and the Illinois Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Businesses wanting to donate raffle prizes may contact Kenealy at 708/935-3312 for more information.