



Village of
Elmwood Park

D.A.R.E. car show helps fund program, Fire Department open house showcases emergency equipment

Upcoming events support drug prevention, fire and life safety

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ELMWOOD PARK – Two upcoming events in the Village give residents an opportunity to learn more about fire prevention and safety as well as contribute to a local program aimed at keeping kids safe from drugs and alcohol.

The D.A.R.E. car show takes place on Saturday, August 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Fullerton and 75th Ave. while the Elmwood Park Fire Department Safety Fair and Open House is set for Saturday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Village Circle.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse and Resistance Education. “We teach it in the 5th grade along with life skills,” said police officer Bruce Bogg, retired. “It informs kids about how to avoid getting started on drugs, the harmful effects of smoking and the harmful effects of alcohol.”

Deputy Chief Andrew Hock said the show usually draws about 200 vintage cars and trucks. There will be food and beverages available to purchase. All of the proceeds from the car show are used to help pay for school supplies during the school year.

The safety fair will be the first time the Fire Department has hosted such an event, and will feature live fire and rescue demonstrations, fire trucks, hoses, rescue gear, Hazmat crews, fire investigators and a question and answer session with Fire officials and Emergency Medical Services.

"We'll be able to showcase the emergency equipment we use to keep the community safe," said Lt. Mike Terzo with the Elmwood Park Fire Department. "We'll also be able to answer questions from residents about keeping safe around the home. We're concerned with both fire and life safety."

Residents will be able to view and learn about a variety of home safety products along with activities for children, as well. In addition, there will be a Heartland blood drive underway throughout the event.

Village President Angelo “Skip” Saviano applauded both the Police and Fire Department. “It’s wonderful to see the Police and Fire Departments engage the community in this way. It’s what community is all about.”