



# Hot Flashes



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## *Semper Paratus*

“*Semper Parataus*” -- Latin for *always ready*. For 67 years, the Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters have been *always ready* to keep our community safe.

*Semper Paratus* to a Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighter is more than just responding to emergencies to protect your family. It requires education and training, providing our stakeholders with fire prevention and safety awareness, by maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, and most importantly - - a sincere desire to help others.

Regardless if the emergency is a structure or other type of fire, extricating victims from a motor vehicle accident, hazardous condition, or other incident that places citizens in danger, the Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters are *semper parataus*. Volunteer firefighters provide these services altruistically to improve the quality of life in our community.

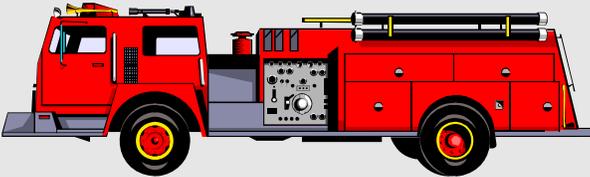
In order to ensure that your volunteer firefighters will be *always ready* also requires the support of the community. The Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters are asking for your assistance to help sustain a tradition that started in 1946 -- neighbors helping neighbors in a time of need.

***You can help the Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters continue their mission to protect our community by supporting Ribs & Raffle Day.***

***See page 2 for more information.***

**“ I can think of no more stirring symbol of man’s humanity to man than a fire engine.”**

***Kurt Vonnegut Jr.***

***Emergency — Dial 9-1-1***  
*Remain Calm — Give location, name and type of emergency clearly. Always let the telecommunicator hang up first.*

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## ***SOUND the ALARM!***

**Annual Ribs & Raffle Day,  
Sunday, June 30th.  
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

On Sunday, June 30th, the Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters will host their only fundraising event, Ribs & Raffle Day. This is your opportunity to support the women and men who work tirelessly to protect our community.

***How to order ribs & side dishes:*** Advance orders for ribs and side dishes can be made one week prior to June 30th, so be sure to call in your order. Please call 397-1995 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. the week of June 18th.

After hours, please leave your name and telephone number in the voicemail system; we will return your call.



Ribs — \$17.00 per side.

Cole slaw, baked beans or potato salad — \$3.00 per pint.

Pick up ribs at the firehouse, 329 Hazel Avenue, between 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on June 30th.

***How to purchase raffle tickets or make a donation:*** Raffle tickets are included with this issue of *HOT FLASHES* and should be returned to the firehouse before 4:00 p.m. on June 30th. The drawing will be held at approximately 4:15 p.m. You may also drop off your raffle tickets when you pick up your rib order.

To return raffle tickets or make a donation by mail use the address below:

Signal Hill Firefighters  
329 Hazel Avenue  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Please make checks payable to: Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters

*Need more raffle tickets for friends, family, or co-workers? Please stop in or call the firehouse @ 397-1995*



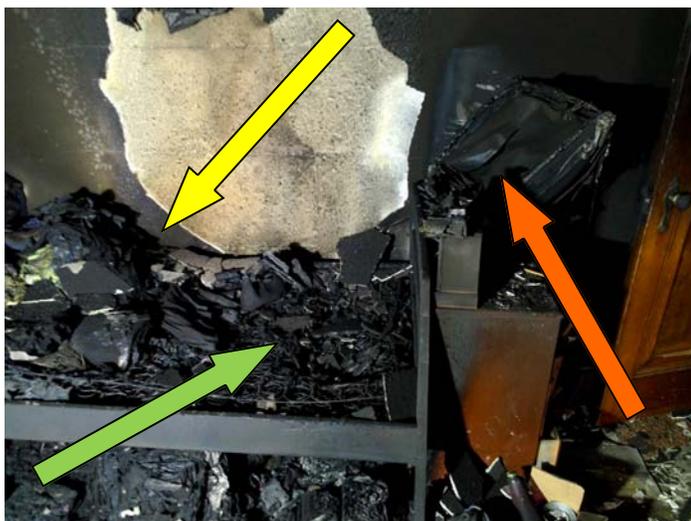


Over 50 Raffle Prizes will be given away on June 30th at the conclusion of Ribs & Raffle.

This year's prizes include a Blu-Ray player, MP3 player, and "other" electronics. Gift certificates, sporting events, gift baskets, dining certificates and dozens of other prizes will be awarded.

A full list of businesses and individuals who help support **Ribs & Raffle '13** will be listed in the October issue of **HOT FLASHES**.

*Remember, you can't win unless you return your raffle tickets*



March 27th - Occupants returned and when they opened the outside door to their home, smelled smoke. They immediately moved away from the house and called 9-1-1.

Firefighters entered the home and discovered that a fire had occurred in a bedroom. The fire had extinguished itself when it ran out of oxygen to sustain combustion. The bedroom walls were lath and plaster - found in many older homes. The plaster thickness provided for a higher level of fire resistance which also limited the spread of the fire.

An investigation as to the fire origin and cause appears to lead to an electrical extension cord (yellow arrows) that had been run along the side of the bed to power a television set located at the foot of the bed (orange arrow). The mattress springs lost their tensile strength and collapsed (green arrow) indicating a fire in excess of 750° F. While the flames were confined to the room of origin, smoke and heat damage occurred throughout the remainder of the house.

**Fire Prevention Lesson** - Look for the UL Mark on extension cords you purchase. The UL Mark means that representative samples of the cord have been tested for foreseeable safety hazards. *Unplug an extension cord plugged in when not in use. The cord will still conduct electricity until it is unplugged from the outlet.*

*This job is hot.*

Think you can  
stand the heat?

Join the Signal Hill Fire Department

*Being a Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighter can provide you with a lifetime of opportunities. Call 397-1995 today to volunteer.*