

Aurora fire museum hosts 'Hero Day'

A dozen vehicles from a fire trucks to a SWAT vehicle to police cars were showcased at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum's third annual "Community Hero Day" Saturday, Oct. 3, at the museum in downtown Aurora.

Admission and parking were free. Tickets issue in advance allowed 30-minute visits from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to displaying vehicles, the event featured safety information booths, a disc jockey and giveaways.

Vehicles represented Aurora Fire Department, Ozinga Ready Mix, West & Sons Towing, Illinois Tollway Authority (snow plow and help vehicle), Kane County Sheriff, Nicor Gas, Groot Recycling & Waste Services, Inc. and Aurora Police Department.



Participating community partners were Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, Rebuilding Together Aurora, Champion Allstate, Medhat Sbeih State Farm and SciTech Hands on Museum.

Museum Executive Director Brian Failing said, "This event allows citizens of our region to get up close and personal with vehicles that serve our community on a daily basis. Additionally, the event features safety education from numerous safety providers in our community."

PHOTO (top right): An Aurora Fire Department engine was among 12 emergency and community-service vehicles displayed at the third annual Community Hero Day Saturday, Oct. 3, at Aurora Regional Fire Museum. (Al Benson photo)

PHOTO (bottom left): Aurora's Chris Bonifas, from left, Jacob Bonifas, 1, Macie Bonifas, 4 and Lyndsci Bonifas pose with Kane County Sheriff Sgt. Chris Wolf and the department's SWAT truck at the third annual Community Hero Day Saturday, Oct. 3, at Aurora Regional Fire Museum. The event showcased 12 vehicles and first responders. (Al Benson photo)

PHOTO (bottom right): Kane County Sheriff Sgt. Nick Wolf, right, shows a visitor the county's SWAT truck at the third annual Community Hero Day Saturday, Oct. 3, at Aurora Regional Fire Museum. The event showcased 12 vehicles and first responders. (Al Benson photo)