



**FIRST RESPONDERS
FALL FARM FEST
2023**

2000 N. WALNUT RD. ROCHESTER. IL 62563

LeavingHoofprints.org

HOPE FARM | ROCHESTER, IL

**OCT 21
2-7PM**

FREE ADMISSION

BBQ * BONFIRE * LIVE BAND

FIRST RESPONDER LINEUP

BROWSE LOCAL VENDORS

VISIT THE HOPE HORSES

CARD DECORATING STATION

PUMPKIN PAINTING

HAY RIDES

SILENT AUCTION



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First Responder Organizations Unite to Raise Scholarship Funds for our Heroes

Back the Blue Illinois is excited to continue its partnership with Finding HOPE Therapeutic Riding Center Inc. to provide therapeutic, educational, and wellness equine assisted activities for first responders & veterans **FREE of charge!**

Finding HOPE Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is a local 501(C)3 nonprofit with a mission to positively impact the life course of people by connecting horses and humans. We strive to enrich the soul and improve lives of people by fostering hope and healing relationships through therapeutic, educational and recreational activities with horses.

We sincerely appreciate your past support. With your help HOPE has provided services to over 60,000 individuals in Central-Illinois since we began in 2016! We have provided over: \$80,000 in scholarships, provided rescue, rehabilitation and retirement services to horses in need, assisted by horseback in search and rescue missions, hosted school supply drives, co-establish a toy drive for families in need at Christmas all in support of the Central IL community.

9/11, the COVID pandemic, rising gun violence, and domestic terror threats mandated increased security measures and led to increased stress, trauma and burnout for First Responders. **HOPE offers a safe space to decrease stress, increase joy and reignite motivation.** In 2021 HOPE began working with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International to create a Premier Equine Assisted Service Center featuring an Extreme Trail Challenge Course and Veterans and 1st Responder program. To help further this goal we partnered with **Back the Blue IL** to provide scholarships and help eliminate the cost of services for families. In 2023 we partnered with **Camp Cowboy of Kempner, TX** to launch **Camp Cowboy Illinois!** Together we are excited to offer this **program FREE** to all military members, first responders and their families.

We would like to invite you to the farm to celebrate our expansion, see how our facility is growing, honor our local heroes, and help raise funds to keep this program free for participants during our First Responders Fall Farm Fest!

The First Responders Fall Farm Fest will take place on October 21, 2022 from 2 – 7pm. Enjoy BBQ, bonfire, live band, First Responder lineup, local vendors to browse & shop, visit the HOPE horses, create a card for deployed military members, pumpkin painting, hay rides, and a silent auction.

Would you consider participating in the Veteran/First Responder Lineup?

Finding HOPE Therapeutic Riding Center Inc. is recognized as a non-profit organization by the IRS; all donations are tax exempt under IRS Code: Section 501(c)(3) Tax Identification Number: 81-4134863

Find out more about HOPE at www.leavinghoofprints.org.



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First Responder Participation/Volunteer Form

Name of the Event: First Responders Fall Farm Fest
Date of the event: October 21, 2023
Time of the event: 2:00 – 7:00pm
Lineup Featured Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Location of the event: 2000 N. Walnut Rd, Rochester, IL 62563
Set up time: 1:00 – 1:30pm and stay as long as you'd like!

Please join us in the First Responders Lineup!

All participants can receive volunteer hour credit. You will be in charge of submitting your total hours for recognition and we must have an email address to send. There is no cost to participate in the line up! All participant organizations will be listed in the event program if registered at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Participation Registration:

- Yes, I would like to participate in the 1st Responder Line-Up
- I would like additional information about other volunteer opportunities.
- Please provide credit for my volunteer hours. *(requires email listed below)*
- I would like additional information about program opportunities.

Name of Organization/Department/Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Participant/Volunteer Name: _____ Job Title/Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please email a business card size logo to HOPE@LeavingHoofprints.org for event program placement.

Please provide a brief description including the number of vehicles and people for the 1st Responder Line-up.

HOPE and BTBI or their affiliates will not be held responsible for any liability, lost, stolen, or damaged merchandise or any injury incurred during the event. You are responsible for leaving your area in the same condition you found it.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your support!