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The Phillie Phanatic
was on hand to
support the police
and firefighters as was
District Attorney Seth
Williams during the
Hero Thrill Show rally
on Sept. 1.



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Since that 2006 event, the Hero Thrill Show Inc. has raised \$1.4 million in scholarship money, according to Binns.

"This is an astounding achievement for the city of Philadelphia and we'd like to do more things for the police and fire departments," Nutter said. "It is fitting and proper that we do everything we can for these families."

Ramsey said that in his long police career in three major cities, he's never seen another event like the Thrill Show. The entertainment alone "is worth the price of admission," notwithstanding the worthy cause, the police commissioner said.

The Thrill Show was first organized in 1954 to help the families of eight firefighters killed on the job in the previous year.

"It started out in death, but pushes life," Ayers said. ••

Tickets for the event are available at any local police station or firehouse, as well as the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5 headquarters at 1336 Spring Garden St. (215-629-3600) and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 22 headquarters at 415 N. Fifth St. (215-440-4400).

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"It's one more helper down there on the avenue." Krause said.

The 15th PDAC will hold a gun buy-back program on Saturday, Sept. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation church hall, Tulip Street and Princeton Avenue, in Tacony.

The program is sponsored by Acme and Shop Rite.

Each person who turns in a gun will get a \$50 food voucher for use at one of the supermarkets.

For more information, call the 15th Police District at 215-686-3150.

Upcoming meeting dates for Police Service Areas are:

- PSA 1 Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m., at Aria Hospital second-floor meeting room, 4900 Frankford Ave.
- PSA 2 Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., at St. Timothy's church hall, 3013 Levick St.
- PSA 3 Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., at Tacony Baptist Church, Hegerman and Disston streets.

The captain's town-hall meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Disston Recreation Center, Disston and Glenloch streets.

The 15th PDAC will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the John Perzel Community Center, 2990 St. Vincent St. ••

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