**FUNCTIONAL NEEDS PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

If you are someone close to you, has a disability or other access or functional need, you may have to take additional steps to protect yourself and your family.

Find out about individual assistance that may be available in your community. Register in advance with the office of emergency services, the local fire department, or other government agencies or non-profit groups… Tell them of your individual needs or those of a family member and find out what assistance, help or services can be provided.

**Who are individuals with Access and Functional Needs?**

- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may need to make special arrangements to receive emergency warnings.
- Single working parents and those with limited English proficiency may need help planning for disasters and emergencies. Community, faith-based and cultural groups may be able to help keep people informed.
- People without vehicles may need to make arrangements for transportation.
- People with special dietary needs should take precautions to have an adequate emergency food supply.

**END OF THE YEAR COOK OUT COMING!**

*University Police and Student Health Services* will again, be hosting their **annual cook out** on **Tuesday April 29, 2013**, starting at **11:30am and going until 1:00pm**.

We cordially invite all students, faculty and staff to attend the cook out and get your burger and/or hotdog. Chips, drinks and music will also be provided.


**Autism Awareness**

During the month of March, Benedictine University Police Officers wore pins on their uniforms in support of Autism Awareness. Though difficult to see in the photo the puzzle pin says Autism Awareness. Sgt. Ferguson chose to support this noble cause and organized the wearing of the pin to support Autism Awareness.

It will be many years before the medical society identifies all the causes of autism and they may never be able to reverse the condition; they can, however, work to identify autism as early as possible so they can begin effective intervention so those affected can develop the skills necessary to lead full and productive lives.

**Saved By The Belt Award**

Benedictine University Students Casey Dembrowski and Lauren Mallo were presented the Saved By the Belt Award for surviving a vehicle crash due to the use of their seatbelt. The crash occurred just off campus. Lisle Sergeant Dempsey and Chief of Police, Dave Anderson presented the awards at the Benedictine University Police Department on March 26, 2014.