

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – February 2022



On Monday, January 10, we had the pleasure of hiring two more police officers.

Officer Michael Shewmaker received his Oath of Office from Commissioner Scott Battoe. Officer Shewmaker initially began his career with the O'Fallon Police Department in 2019 as a Telecommunicator and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Officer Hayden Schaefer received his Oath of Office from Commissioner Susan Holden. He is a recent graduate of McKendree University.

Both officers will attend the Police Academy at Southwestern Illinois College prior to beginning their Field Training Program.

We would like to congratulate both officers and thank them for choosing the City of O'Fallon as the place to start their law enforcement careers!

Officer Shewmaker



Officer Schaefer





At the January 18 City Council meeting, Chief Kirk Brueggeman presented Officer Brad Thomas with the O'Fallon Police Department's Lifesaving Award for his actions involving a medical call, which directly resulted in saving the life of a motorist.

On October 23, 2021, Officer Thomas self-dispatched himself to the scene of a subject experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency on Interstate 64, after overhearing radio traffic by the Illinois State Police. Officer Thomas was the first to arrive at the scene and performed chest compressions for over 4 minutes until additional units arrived. Officer Thomas assisted MedStar EMS with prepping and loading patient for transport.

The patient's family was extremely thankful for Officer Thomas' quick actions which they credit for saving their loved one's life.

Crime Prevention Tip

Do you have surveillance cameras on your home or business? If so, please let us know so we can use your footage to help solve crimes in your neighborhood!

Register Here: <https://www.ofallon.org/police-department/webforms/private-video-surveillance-camera-registration>

- All we need is your contact information so we can ask you to review your video if a crime is reported in your area



Dine to Donate

Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Peel Wood Fired Pizza

104 S. Cherry Street, O'Fallon, IL

Special Olympics Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers will be at Peel Wood Fired Pizza in O'Fallon, IL during the dinner rush greeting guests and selling Torch Run merchandise.

SHOW THIS FLYER TO YOUR SERVER

(Printed or on your Phone)

Peel will donate **20%** of their sales for the **ENTIRE DAY** to Special Olympics Illinois! Dine-in and Carry-out orders apply!

**Dine-in or
Carry-out!**





As those of you who follow our social media pages know, O'Fallon Police Officers are huge supporters of the **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics**. A new year means a fresh start to our fundraising efforts for our favorite athletes. The first big annual event is the [Polar Plunge](#)!

Several brave (or foolish) members of OPD will jump into COLD water at the end of February. Fairview Heights and Collinsville PDs have teams also and we want to beat them! If you'd like to help us support Special Olympics Illinois, please click the attached link. Once you get to the O'Fallon PD page, click "roster," choose which team member you'd like your donation to count toward, and click "support me" to enter a donation amount. THANK YOU!

<https://soill.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=12451>



Special Olympics
Illinois

DID YOU KNOW?

It is **illegal** to leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running, unless it's equipped with remote start. Help protect yourself. Don't create an opportunity for a car thief!

(625 ILCS 5/11-1401) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1401)

Sec. 11-1401. Unattended motor vehicles. Except for a law enforcement officer or an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle performing his or her official duties, **no person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition**, effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. **An unattended motor vehicle shall not include an unattended locked motor vehicle with the engine running after being started by a remote starter system.**

(Source: P.A. 100-435, eff. 8-25-17.)





§ 72.42 SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

(A) (1) The term **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE** shall mean any route as designated and listed in [Ch. 78](#) of the city's code of ordinances.

(2) On such street or highway designated as a snow emergency route, special signs shall be posted to this effect.

(B) (1) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street or portion thereof designated as a "Snow Emergency Route" in the city at any time when snow is being removed from such street.

(2) This provision will take effect when the snow has reached a depth of two inches and it is determined by the Mayor that a "Snow Emergency" is necessary. Signs indicating "Snow Emergency Route", as per [Ch. 78](#) of the city's code of ordinances, shall be posted before this provision takes effect.

Please remember to make other arrangements for parking if you normally park on a "Snow Route" roadway.

Snow Route signs are posted on roadways and can also be viewed here:

<https://arcg.is/1mLbX90>

Winter Driving Safety

For more tips visit:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips#winter-driving-tips-road>

Driving safely in winter weather can be a challenge for even the most experienced driver. It's easy to forget after months of mild conditions that snow and ice demand careful driving and special preparation for your vehicle. But when 17 percent of all vehicle crashes occur during winter conditions it's clear that we could all use a refresher when it comes to making our way through a winter wonderland.

Ready Your Vehicle

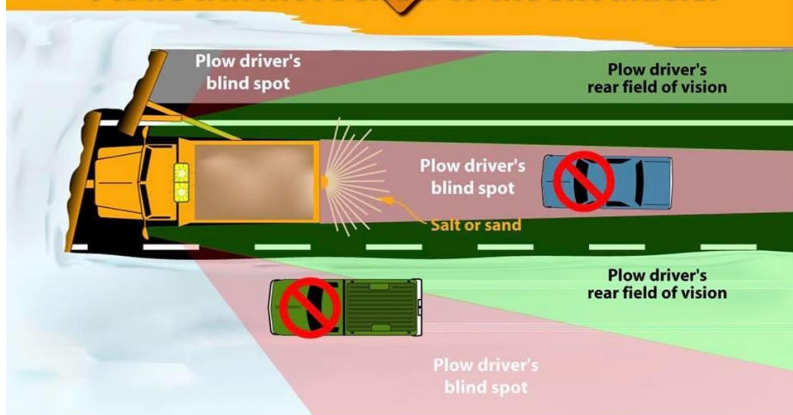
Driving safely begins before you even get on the road. Regular tune-ups and maintenance are the starting point for safe driving year-round. In winter, pay special attention to your vehicle's battery, wipers, coolant, tires and other systems that can take a beating when the temperature drops. If you're using snow tires, have them installed before the snow begins to fall. When you know your vehicle is ready for the road, clear your car of snow, ice or dirt from the windows, forward sensors, headlights, tail lights and backup camera.

Ready Yourself

Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Also remember that every vehicle handles differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy, or snowy roads. Take the time to learn how it handles under winter weather driving conditions. Before heading out, know the weather and traffic conditions, and plan your route accordingly. Always wear your seatbelt and make sure all passengers are properly restrained. Put the phone away and keep your eyes on the road.

Use caution when approaching a snowplow. Snowplows typically operate at 25-35 mph.

Never pass on the shoulder side of a plow. Plows will move snow to the shoulders.



Don't assume plow drivers see you. Their fields of vision are limited.

* Tips courtesy of www.nhtsa.gov/

New Year, New Faces for O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS



In December, OEMS welcomed Anthony "Tony" Mannino to a full-time position on Medic 4. Tony was with the department as a part time EMT prior to his change in status since January of 2021. Tony is also a paramedic student in the class of 2022 and spends most of his time working or completing student rides. In his rare spare time, Tony is also a volunteer fire fighter with East Side in Belleville. Tony is an asset to the department, and we are excited to watch him grow in his knowledge and skills throughout this paramedic program. OEMS is also excited to welcome two more part time EMT's who are currently completing the preemployment process. Keep a look out for all these new faces as we enter this new year.



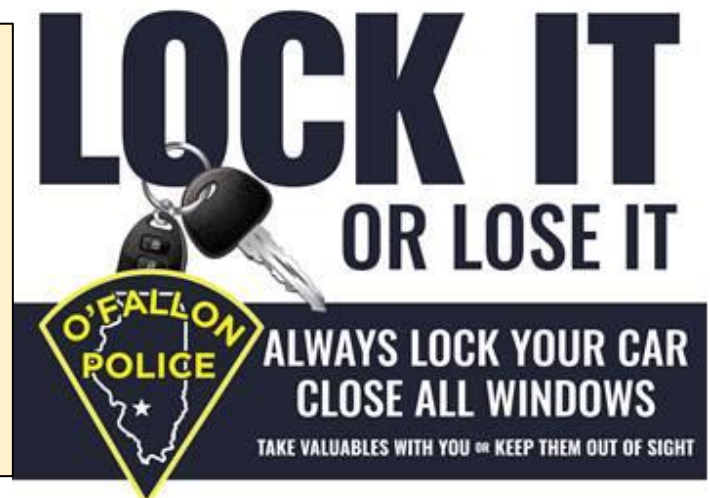
REMINDER! OPD hosts a **Drug Take Back Event** the first Saturday of every month in the lobby from 11AM – 1 PM.
Safely disposing of medications:

- Keeps the medication out of our water supply
- Keeps addictive and dangerous medicine from falling into the wrong hands

***We cannot take any needles, inhalers or liquids**

Prevent Crimes of Opportunity

- **LOCK** your cars and roll up windows
- Never leave valuables (purses, electronics, tools, etc) in view
- **LOCK** your home and don't forget the windows
- If you see something, *say something!*



Cooking Safety for All



WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires

PLAN A: PRIMARY PREVENTION

- The best time to cook is when you are wide awake, and not drowsy from medications or alcohol.
- Always wipe clean the stove, oven, exhaust fan to prevent grease buildup.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Keep a pan lid and dry potholders or oven mitts near you EVERY time you cook.
- Turn pot or pan handles toward the back of the stove.
- When heating food in the microwave, use microwave-safe cookware that allows steam to escape.
- Allow food to rest before removing from the microwave.
- When frying, use a pan lid or splash guard to prevent grease splatter.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you to check on your cooking.
- After cooking, check the kitchen to make sure all burners and other appliances are turned off.

PLAN B: SECONDARY PREVENTION

If your food does catch on fire...

1. Cover the pan with its lid. A cookie sheet works too. Leave covered until the pan is cool. NEVER move the pot or carry it outside - the pot is too hot to handle and the contents may splash, causing a severe burn.
2. Turn the heat off. With the lid on and the heat off, the fire should quickly put itself out. NEVER use water to put out a kitchen fire. Water will cause the oil to splatter and spread the fire, or scald you as it vaporizes.
3. If the fire is inside the oven or microwave, keep the door shut and turn it off. Keep closed until the oven is cool.
4. If the fire gets out of control- get out, stay out and call 9-1-1. Don't return inside for any reason.

STATS

- 47% of all home fires are caused by cooking
- Preventing a burn injury is always better than the pain and trauma of medical treatment afterward.



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PREVENTION**

American Burn Association
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www.ameriburn.org

Improving the lives of those
affected by burn injuries

