

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – December 2019



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BREAKFAST with SANTA

December 14
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Amelia V. Carriel Jr. High
451 N. Seven Hills Rd. O'Fallon, IL 62451

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa!
Breakfast will be served 8a - 10a
Santa will arrive at 8:30a
Crafts will be available to make

This event is provided for free by local community sponsors.

We will also be collecting canned goods for the O'Fallon Food Pantry as well as unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots.



OPD's Annual **Breakfast with Santa** is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at Carriel Jr. High from 8 to 11 AM!

This event is provided **free** through a partnership between local community sponsors and the O'Fallon Police Department.

For more details, contact Det. Adam Krack at akrack@ofallon.org.



Welcome O'Fallon's Newest Police Officer

Officer Brennen Little was sworn in as OPD's newest Officer on 11/25/19. Ofc. Little is originally from Aviston, IL and is a graduate of Wesclin High School (2012) and Kaskaskia College (2015). Ofc. Little served as a Community Service Officer (CSO) with OPD since January 2018 and as a part-time Police Officer with Marissa, IL PD from November 2018 to November 2019. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and hiking in his spare time.

Congratulations Officer Little!



Get to Know Your O'Fallon Police Department

TC Kelsey Burrow

- Telecommunicator (911 Dispatcher) for Metro East Communications (Serving O'Fallon, Fairview Heights, & Shiloh)
- Hired March 2018 (1 ½ years)
- Former ER Technician at Memorial Hospital (2014 – 2018)
- Lieutenant with Fairview-Caseyville Township Fire Protection District (2010 – Present)
- Grandfather was firefighter with Swansea FD; Father was firefighter with French Village FD
- Fire Science Instructor at SWIC (2013 – Present)
- Kelsey and her husband Jeff have one daughter, Aubrey, age 3
- Kelsey enjoys spending time with family and friends and outdoor recreation in her spare time



Turkey Fryer Safety

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.



The Dangers of Turkey Fryers

- Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.
- A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.
- Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.
- Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.
- The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure its is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

OIL-LESS FRYERS

NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."

 Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education



O'Fallon Fire Rescue reminds residents to cook safely this holiday season.

For more Fire Prevention tips, visit <https://www.ofallonfire.com/fire-safety-tips> and <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Thanksgiving>

Protect Yourself From Package Thieves

December is the busiest month for online shopping and home deliveries. Protect yourself from "porch pirates" with these package delivery tips.

- Consider having your packages **delivered to your workplace** if your employer allows it.
- **Track your package** so you know when it has been delivered.
- **Team up with your neighbors** to watch for suspicious activity or bring packages inside if you aren't home.
- Consider installing home **security cameras** and [register them with OPD](#) so we can contact you to check your footage if a crime is reported near you.

