

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – January 2020



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 Carlyle Lake on Saturday, February 29. 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/team/10762>



Another Opportunity to Support Special Olympics!

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

11:00 AM – 10:00 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 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM greeting guests and selling Torch Run merchandise.

Peel will donate **20%** of their sales for the **ENTIRE DAY** to Special Olympics Illinois!



New Officer and Newly-Promoted Sergeant

On January 6, **Brandon Michel** was sworn in as **O'Fallon's newest Police Officer**. Officer Michel previously served as a Community Service Officer (CSO) with OPD. He is currently enrolled in the police academy and will begin field training upon graduation.

The same night, **Matt Plassman** was promoted to the rank of **Sergeant**. Sgt. Plassman has been an O'Fallon Police Officer since 2008. He will be assigned as a Shift Commander in the Patrol Division.

Officer Michel is pictured here with members of the OPD command staff. Sgt. Plassman is pictured with O'Fallon's Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. Congratulations to both!



O'Fallon Police Welcome New Chaplain

Rev. Brad Lewis is the Associate Pastor at [O'Fallon Methodist Church](#). He and his wife, Jamie, have two kids that love the O'Fallon Police officers. Brad is a 2019 graduate of the O'Fallon Citizens Police Academy and a 2019 graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute program. He obtained a Bachelor's degree from SIUE and attended Seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. Brad is also an avid sports fan and has coached Football and Track at OTHS.

Brad has a desire to serve with OPD because of his family history with law enforcement. His grandfather was a police officer in East St. Louis and later became a United States Marshal. His uncle Rick was an East St. Louis police officer and later served as the St. Clair Country Corner. Brad's little sister is currently completing her academy training to be a sworn officer with the Herdon, VA Police Department. Because of his deep family history of law enforcement and his desire to serve, Brad has taken on the role of Chaplain with the O'Fallon Police Department. "It is a great honor to serve the O'Fallon Police Department, I believe that we have the best officers, command staff, and support staff in the entire area! I look forward to contributing to the community and getting to know the members and families of OPD."



Capt. Brueggeman, Rev. Lewis, & Chief Van Hook

Our Chaplains assist the Department, its members and the community, as needed. Some of their responsibilities include providing support OPD members and their families, assisting with injury and death notifications, and helping members cope with stressful incidents.

The other OPD Chaplains are:

Rev. Phoenix Barnes ([Southern Missionary Baptist Church](#) – Madison, IL)

Rev. Darren McCormick ([Central Christian Church](#) – O'Fallon, IL)

Pastor Aaron Lynn ([First Church of the Nazarene](#) – Belleville, IL)



Burn and Scald Prevention



Prevent burns and scalds in the kitchen:

- Place objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Use dry oven mitts or potholders. Hot cookware can heat moisture in a potholder or hot pad, resulting in a scald burn.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove.



O'Fallon Fire Rescue

shared this tip for National Burn Awareness Week (February 2-8, 2020)

For more Fire-Safety resources, visit:

<https://www.ofallonfire.com/fire-safety-tips> and <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/>

General first aid for burns and scalds:

- Treat a burn right away by putting it in cool water. Cool the burn for three to five minutes.
- Cover burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.
- Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. These can hide underlying burns and retain heat, which can increase skin damage.



O'Fallon Fire Rescue Explorers Fundraiser

Thursday, February 27, 2020
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

O'Fallon Dairy Queen
300 E. Highway 50
O'Fallon, IL

Funds raised for the Explorer Post support training the next generation of firefighters!

Educating future firefighters!

EXPLORER POST 4300



[O'Fallon Emergency Medical Services](https://www.ofallon.org/emergency-medical-services) conducts a layperson **First Aid** course once per quarter from 6PM-9PM at Station #4, 1215 Taylor Road. The charge for the class is **\$25.00 for residents** and **\$40.00 for non-residents** per participant. Please note that class size is limited, and class times may be subject to change. Please visit <https://www.ofallon.org/emergency-medical-services/pages/first-aid-course> or call 624-4516 with any questions.

