

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – June 2021



WHAT IF WE ASKED YOU TO WEAR THE BADGE?

“I am asking you to take up the challenge.
It matters. **NOW MORE THAN EVER.**”

Eric Van Hook

Chief of Police | O'Fallon, Illinois



The O'Fallon, Fairview Heights, and Collinsville Police Departments are now accepting applications for probationary patrol officers. Apply once to be eligible to test for all three agencies. Mark your calendars, as testing will be held on July 31, 2021. One Test, Three Departments.

The O'Fallon, Fairview Heights and Collinsville police departments are excited to announce

JOINT TESTING Starting July 31st

Applications are due by July 16th

To apply online, visit <https://wearthebadge.com/joint-application/>

Civilian Employment Opportunities with the City of O'Fallon

Telecommunications/Emergency Dispatch

Uses a computer-aided dispatch system to receive emergency calls from the public requesting police, fire, medical or other emergency services. A career in emergency communications can be fast-paced, challenging & rewarding. To ensure that all potential applicants understand and appreciate both the rewards and demands of the profession, a checklist has been developed to outline these details and each applicant is required to sign off on having read through this list.

Training rate of pay: \$18.00 per hour

Hourly rate thereafter set based on collective bargaining (full-time): \$25.05

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ofallonil/jobs/2962126/telecommunications-emergency-dispatch-2021-continuous>

Community Service Officer

This position provides a supporting role to the Patrol and Detective Divisions. The ideal candidate is someone who is pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.

Duties include (but are not limited to): handling animal complaints (pets and wildlife), vehicle lockouts, business information checks, house checks, vehicle and other equipment transport for maintenance purposes, motorist assists, year round park patrol and police department staff support. Duties may require working over and rotating shift work.

Hourly rate: \$13.75

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ofallonil/jobs/3062512/community-service-officer>

Emergency Medical Personnel - Paramedic/EMT

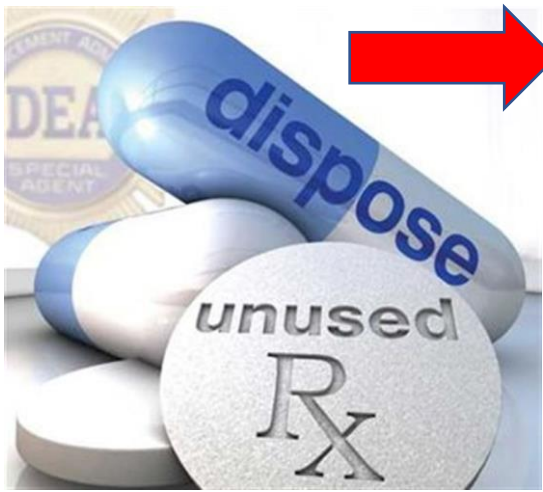
Respond to medical emergency calls and provide medical attention in a pre-hospital setting.

Duties include (but are not limited to): evaluate patients' signs and symptoms and apply first-aid or life support as needed; operate equipment needed effectively; extricate and transport patients; inspect, clean and maintain vehicles, equipment and property; inventory and maintain supplies and materials; complete required paperwork and forms; follow departmental protocols and governing rules and regulations; other duties as assigned to benefit the Department of Public Safety & the City.

EMT hourly: \$16.09 - \$17.09

Paramedic hourly: \$17.70 - \$18.80

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ofallonil/jobs/2980315/emergency-medical-personnel-paramedic-emt>



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**

Warm weather has arrived and that means an increase in bicycle and pedestrian traffic all over town. The O'Fallon Police Department would like to remind motorists and cyclists to exercise caution and share the road. Bicycles and Motor Vehicles have **the same rights to use the roadway** as well as the **same responsibilities to obey all traffic laws**.



DRIVE SAFELY
RIDE SAFELY



Bicycle Safety (for cyclists)

<http://icsw.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/kidsandbikesafetyweb/>



- **Go With the Traffic Flow.** Ride on the right (same direction) as other vehicles. Go with the flow, not against it.
- **Obey All Traffic Laws.** A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- **Yield to Traffic When Appropriate.** Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike path, etc.), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have already entered a crosswalk.
- **Be Predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.
- **Stay Alert at All Times.** Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride.
- **Look Before Turning.** When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.
- **Watch for Parked Cars.** Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).



Bicycle Safety (for motorists)

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>



- **Yield to bicyclists as you would motorists** and do not underestimate their speed. This will help you to avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.
- In parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up, or when parking, **search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles.**
- **Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind** to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.
- **Obey the speed limit,** reduce speed for road conditions and drive defensively to avoid a crash with a cyclist.
- **Give cyclists room.** Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

Fireworks Over O'Fallon – July 3, 2021

The **Third Annual Fireworks Over O'Fallon** will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.). The fireworks will be launched near the west entrance of the O'Fallon Family Sports Park.

“Two years ago, we brought back fireworks for the first time in thirty years. Each year, we will continue to make them bigger and better!” said Mayor Herb Roach. “I hope that all of you will join us in celebrating the holiday and enjoying the community.”

Spectators are asked to park only in designated parking areas. There will be **no parking in the grass or side of roadways in the Sports Park**. Once all the parking spots are filled, no other vehicles will be allowed in the Sports Park. People may still access the park on foot and watch the fireworks from grass areas. The turf fields and baseball restrooms will be closed. Restrooms near the Splash Pad and north side of the park will be open. **There will also be parking restrictions on the north side of W. Nixon and W. Madison.**

Parking will be prohibited on Venita Drive and Taylor Road. Venita Drive and the west entrance of the Family Sports Park will be closed to traffic approximately five minutes before the firework show begins and reopened immediately following the completion of the show. At the end of the show, signs and police officers will direct vehicles towards either the East or West exit of the Sports Park (depending on where you parked).

Please be patient and expect delays leaving the Sports Park.

Vendors interested in selling merchandise at the Sports Park must receive approval from O'Fallon Parks and Recreation prior to the event. To inquire, contact the O'Fallon Parks & Recreation Department at 618-624-0139.



If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Grant Litteken at 618-624-4500 x 8760 or email at glitteken@ofallon.org.



Kitchen Safety Tips From O'Fallon Fire Rescue



O'FALLON FIRE RESCUE
Proudly serving since 1891

Teens in the kitchen: a safety guide

Your teenager is becoming more independent, which may include preparing his or her own meals and taking on some cooking responsibilities for your family or when home alone this summer. Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires, so ensure your teen understands the risks and knows how to cook safely. Review the following safety tips together to develop your own guidelines based upon your teen's maturity and comfort level to keep safe in the kitchen.

Watch what you are cooking:

Never leave food unattended while cooking. Stay by the stove when cooking, broiling or frying food. Remain focused and limit distractions. If you need to leave the room, even for a second, turn off the stove.

Keep it on the back burner:

Teach your teen to use the back burners on the stove and make a habit of turning pot handles inward on the stovetop and away from the edge of the stove.

Establish a safety zone:

Keep items that burn, such as dishtowels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least 3 feet away from the range top so they will not catch fire. Do not hang them on the handle of the stove.

Mind the microwave:

Always use hot pads to carefully remove hot items from the microwave or oven. Do not allow preteens to use a microwave until they are tall enough to reach in safely. Know that hot liquids and steam can cause serious scald burns. Water heated to 150 degrees can cause a third-degree burn in just two seconds.

Better at the table:

While it may be tempting for your kids to eat their dinner on the couch in front of the TV, make it a rule to eat at the table — or at least on a hard surface. A surprising number of burns are caused when people spill hot food while trying to balance it on their lap.

Check your home for safety:

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including one near the kitchen, and test them regularly. Teach your teen to never disable a smoke alarm. Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and make sure your teen knows how to use it. You can contact your local fire department for proper instruction. Have a family fire plan and review and practice it at least twice a year.

Research shows that, through education and awareness, many injuries are preventable.

Make A Difference With O'Fallon Fire Rescue

Become a Volunteer Firefighter. O'Fallon Fire Rescue is looking to fill our ranks with local citizens who have a passion to serve!

<https://ofallonfire.com/recruitment/>