

# O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – March 2020



## Mayor Appoints New Police Commissioner

**Ed Martinez** was appointed by Mayor Herb Roach to be the newest member of [O'Fallon's Board of Police and Fire Commissioners](#). Mr. Martinez is pictured here being sworn in at the March 2 City Council meeting by City Clerk Jerry Mouser.

Mr. Martinez is the Commander of the O'Fallon VFW Post #805 . We are excited to have Commander Martinez continue his service to our community in his new role as Police Commissioner!



## Welcome O'Fallon's Newest Police Officer

**Officer Adam Heuser** DSN 119 was sworn in as OPD's newest Officer on 2/24/20. A native of Granite City, IL, Officer Heuser has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and has graduated from both the St. Louis County and Southwestern Illinois Police Academies. Officer Heuser previously served with the Lambert Airport Police and more recently, with the Madison, IL Police Department. Officer Heuser is pictured here with the OPD Command Staff.

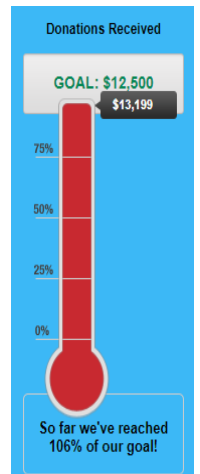




The [2020 Polar Plunge](#) is in the books and thanks to you, the O'Fallon Police Department team raised **over \$13,000!!!!** 24 members of our team plunged into Carlyle Lake on February 29 in support of Special Olympics Illinois.

Our team consisted of Officers, Telecommunicators, Police Explorers, a City Council Member, Citizen Police Academy Graduates, business members, family, and friends.

We would like to recognize our biggest fundraisers this year. Brian Gimpel, John Simmons, Mike Clark, Jessica Lotz, and Adam Krack all raised **over \$1000 each!**



Thank you for making our first Special Olympics "Dine to Donate" of 2020 a huge success! On Wednesday, February 26, Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers attended a fundraiser hosted by [Peel Wood Fired Pizza](#). Peel generously donated 20% of their sales in support of the [Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics](#). We are grateful to Peel for this opportunity and to all of you who came out to help support our favorite athletes!



The [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#) is kicking off their first **Vehicle Safety Recalls Week** on March 2. The focus: heightened awareness of the importance of checking for recalls twice a year and getting a recall repaired immediately — **for free**.

Vehicle Safety Recalls Week coincides with the week leading up to daylight saving time. Traditionally, this day has been a cue to check smoke detector batteries as you change your clocks. You should also make it a habit to check for vehicle safety recalls when daylight saving time begins and ends.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls/vehicle-safety-recalls-week>

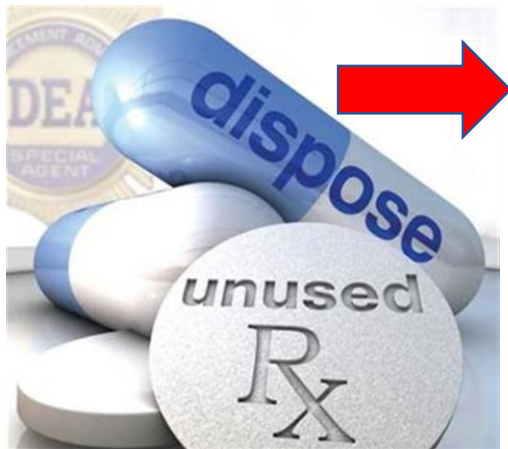
## FREE RECALL CHECKS

Locate your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), which is on the lower left of your car's windshield.



Visit [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) and type in your 17-character VIN.

Schedule an appointment with your local dealer and get any outstanding recalls fixed for free.



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**

## Crime Prevention Tips

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

