

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – March 2022



The O'Fallon Police Department recently investigated two separate **Motor Vehicle Thefts** from residences. In both instances, the vehicles were stolen from within closed garages. Access to the garage was gained by utilizing a garage door remote within an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. Once in the garage, the suspects had access to the vehicles, both of which had the keys left inside.

We are seeking everyone's assistance in trying to prevent future thefts by:

1. **Locking** all vehicles
  2. **Removing** garage door opener remotes from vehicles parked outside of your garage (if possible)
  3. Ensuring keys or valuables are not left inside vehicles, whether parked in a garage or not
- It is also recommended to:
4. Establish a routine, or set an alarm on your phone, to ensure your garage door is closed before you go to bed.
  5. **Lock** the entry door from your garage to inside your residence.

Establishing these safeguards can help protect your property and your family.

## PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLES AT HOME

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- **REMOVE GARAGE DOOR OPENER REMOTES FROM VEHICLES PARKED OUTSIDE OF YOUR GARAGE**
- **ENSURE KEYS, OR VALUABLES, ARE NOT LEFT INSIDE VEHICLES, WHETHER PARKED IN YOUR GARAGE OR NOT**
- **ESTABLISH A ROUTINE, OR SET AN ALARM ON YOUR PHONE, TO ENSURE YOUR GARAGE DOOR IS CLOSED BEFORE GOING TO BED**
- **LOCK THE ENTRY DOOR FROM YOUR GARAGE TO THE INSIDE OF YOUR RESIDENCE**



We did something on February 26 with your help... Thirty of us ran into 36 degree water for the [2022 Polar Plunge at Carlyle Lake](#). The team consisted of OPD employees and their family members, community members, O'Fallon teachers, and a city alderman. Led by Sgt. Gimpel and Jimmy Ford's stellar fundraising efforts (over \$10,000 each), our team raised over **\$40,000** which is tops in the state! Thanks to all our donors for helping us reach this milestone! [#beboldgetcold](#)

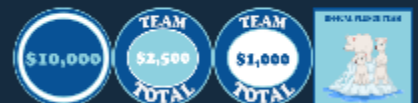
Check out O'Fallon PD's Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor pages for more photos and details on upcoming fundraisers benefitting **Special Olympics Illinois!**



\$41,580 Raised

Goal \$40,000

Our Badges



Speaking of Special Olympics, Detectives Nick Schmidt and Adam Krack recently accepted a plaque in recognition of O'Fallon PD raising more than **\$46,000 for Special Olympics Illinois in 2021**. Team OPD has decided this is the year that we're going to raise more than Troy PD and after our record-setting performance at the Polar Plunge, we're well on the way!



## SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN ILLINOIS February 28 - March 4, 2022

The following severe weather safety tip is courtesy of the National Weather Service. For more tips, visit <https://www.weather.gov/ilx/severe-prep>

<p><b>TORNADO</b></p> 	<p><b>HAIL</b></p> 	<p><b>LIGHTNING</b></p> 	<p><b>WIND</b></p> 	<p><b>FLOODING</b></p>  <p style="font-size: small;">James Hobbs</p>
 <p style="font-size: small;">Understanding</p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">SEVERE WEATHER HAZARDS</h1>				
<p><b>ACTION</b> Take shelter immediately in a sturdy structure</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Move indoors away from windows</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Move indoors if you hear thunder</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Move indoors away from windows</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Avoid rising creeks and water-covered roads</p>

# OEMS Hosts First System Run Review

OEMS partnered with St Elizabeth's EMS system to host the first of four run reviews. Presentations were given by Dr Howard Mell, Paramedic Nick Fensom, and Supervisor Tim McClain. Run reviews are vital to the quality of EMS care and allow providers from all over the region to come together and improve treatment and documentation. EMS coordinator Brad Perry also provided an update on the new EMS guidelines that will be submitted to IDPH within the month. These new updated guidelines will allow our EMS providers to provide even better care to the citizens we serve with increasing emphasis placed on good clinical judgement and new medications for seriously ill and injured patients.



Paramedic Ryan Young (Left) and Supervisor Jeremy Sherman (Right) waiting for the start of the presentations.



Various EMT and Paramedic providers from Sugar Creek, Highland, OEMS, and Arch Air Medical listen to a presentation on documentation and legal liability given by Dr Howard Mell.

# St Elizabeth's ED supports EMS Mental Health

If you've been to St Elizabeth's recently you might have missed an opportunity for a mental health break. ED manager Erin Hazen, who has always been a champion for EMS, placed a coloring station by her office near the EMS bay. She placed this to encourage ED staff and EMS providers to take a moment to decompress. With call volumes continuing to rise, OEMS is very grateful to have partners that support our crews in all aspects of health. Mental health has always been important to OEMS, and we are glad to see our crews taking a moment to have fun and participate with our hospital partners. OEMS is also partnering with OPD to enter into their already established peer support system. We hope that establishing clear lines of support within the organization will only serve to better assist EMS providers in their self-care and mental health goals.



Paramedic Kayla Hoese (above) takes a moment after dropping off a patient to color in a in a petal. Paramedic Ryan Young (below) poses while also participating in a quick mental health break.



## Happy Belated Birthday to OEMS!

OEMS celebrated 40 years of service on Feb 8. EMS providers celebrated with a cake provided by the City of Ofallon. We are honored to continue to serve our community. You might have seen this on Facebook. Follow us to get the most up to date news on all things Ofallon-Shiloh EMS!



# O'Fallon Fire Rescue to Host 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Golf Classic



The O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor its 23rd Annual Spring Golf Classic on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Tamarack Country Club in Shiloh, Illinois. This tournament serves as the department's primary fundraising activity that supports the O'Fallon Community.

The O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company is a highly trained, well-equipped department consisting of 43 members protecting an area encompassing 43 square miles including the City of O'Fallon, Village of Shiloh, and unincorporated areas within the O'Fallon, Shiloh Valley, and Caseyville Townships.

In addition to response to emergencies our members spend many hours in formal training, educating the public about fire prevention, performing community service, and fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

In support of our golf tournament, we are actively seeking tax deductible hole sponsorships at three donation levels:

- \$500 (or more) - Chief Sponsor
- \$250 - Deputy Chief Sponsor
- \$100 – Assistant Chief Sponsor

All sponsorships will include a sign on a tee box with recognition at the tournament pavilion on the tournament day. We are also seeking the donation of attendance prizes to be given to golfers participating in the tournament, along with items to be auctioned.

You may give your hole sponsorship and/or attendance prizes to any member of the O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company, call for the item to be picked up, or simply mail your donation to:

O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company  
Attn: 23rd Annual Spring Golf Classic  
1215 Taylor Rd  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Should you have any questions concerning our tournament, tournament teams, hole sponsorship levels, or attendance prize donations, please contact Jennifer Valentine at (618) 624-4515 or via email at [jvalentine@ofallon.org](mailto:jvalentine@ofallon.org).

The O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company wishes to thank you for your generous support of your fire department!

# O'FALLON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 23rd ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

TAMARACK COUNTRY CLUB,  
SHILOH, ILLINOIS

18 HOLE - 4 PERSON  
SCRAMBLE



SHOTGUN START PROMPTLY  
AT 11:00 AM

\$100.00 PER PERSON  
\$400.00 PER TEAM

RAIN DATE TBD

## REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Green fees & cart
- Refreshments
- Lunch at the turn
- Dinner after the tournament
- Cash prizes to top teams in each flight
- Longest drive competition
- Closest to the pin competition
- Hole-in-one prize

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THREE DONATION LEVELS

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Jennifer Valentine, Golf Committee Chair @ (618) 624-4515 or [jvalentine@ofallon.org](mailto:jvalentine@ofallon.org)

PLEASE ENTER ME IN THE 23RD ANNUAL O'FALLON FIRE DEPARTMENT SPRING GOLF CLASSIC, JUNE 3, 2022 AT TAMARACK COUNTRY CLUB. A FEE OF \$100.00 IS ENCLOSED FOR EACH PLAYER LISTED BELOW:

NAME (TEAM CAPTAIN): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM A SINGLE GOLFER, PLEASE PLACE ME ON A TEAM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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I cannot participate this year, please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company.

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