

# O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – October 2019



Please join us in welcoming O'Fallon's newest public servant,  
**Officer Brett Johnson DSN 116.**

Officer Johnson comes to us after working the last three years with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA).

Officer Johnson was sworn in on September 23, 2019 and is currently in OPD's field training program.



Officer Johnson (left) with Commissioner Calvin Brown



Session #8 of the [O'Fallon Police Department Citizen Academy](#) graduated on Wednesday, October 23. Over the course of eight weeks, these 19 citizens gave over 40 hours of their own time to learn about the first responders in their community. Through 11 different classes and an 8 hour ride along with an officer, they got to look behind the scenes of OPD.

Thank you, Session #8, for giving so freely of your time and energy to become part of the OPD Family!

If you are interested in being part of this academy next year, please contact Captain Dave Matevey at [dmatevey@ofallon.org](mailto:dmatevey@ofallon.org)

## Veterans' Day Program

Monday, November 11 at 11:00 AM  
O'Fallon Veterans' Monument  
737 E. Wesley Drive

Please bring your own lawn chairs. Handicapped parking will be available near the Veterans' Monument. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the First Baptist Church of O'Fallon, 1111 E. US 50. For more information, please visit the Monument web site at [www.ofallonveteransmonument.org](http://www.ofallonveteransmonument.org).



# Employment Opportunities with O'Fallon Public Safety!



Do you thrive when facing a crisis? Can you multitask like a pro? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? Do fast paced environments excite you? If you answered YES to all of these questions, we want you to join our team.

MECOMM (Metro East Communications) is now accepting applications for the position of Probationary **Public Safety Telecommunicator**! This is an exciting and rewarding career, and we are looking for those who are eager to help us serve our community.

Please go to [www.ofallon.org](http://www.ofallon.org) and look under the employment tab. Submit your electronic application through the [Telecommunications/Emergency Dispatch 2019](#) section.

OPD is looking for **Community Service Officers (CSO's)**. This part-time, civilian position provides a supporting role to all areas of the services provided by the O'Fallon Police Department.

The ideal candidates are young adults pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the OPD team visit the [CSO listing](#) at [www.ofallon.org](http://www.ofallon.org) for details.

Email Lt. Patrick Feldhake [pfeldhake@ofallon.org](mailto:pfeldhake@ofallon.org) with questions.

O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS is accepting applications for EMTs.

For job duties and requirements, go to [www.ofallon.org](http://www.ofallon.org) and click on "[Emergency Medical Personnel - Paramedic/EMT.](#)"

Applicants must be Southwestern IL EMS System certified Paramedic/EMT and Meet the State's continuing education & 4 year recertification requirements.

*This posting will provide for ongoing recruitment for 2019.*

## OPD Lateral Entry Program

The O'Fallon Police Department recognizes the benefit of hiring experienced Officers. If you or someone you know is a current Police Officer interested in joining the best department in the Metro East, visit [wearthebadge.com](http://wearthebadge.com) for more information and sign up to be notified of hiring opportunities!







REMINDER! OPD hosts a **Drug Take Back Event** the first Saturday of every month in the lobby at 285 N. Seven Hills Road 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**

## The Most Dangerous Time to Drive

As we 'Fall Back' to Shorter Days, Take Extra Care on the Road

The following tips were provided by the National Safety Council. For more details, see: <https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/night-driving>

When Daylight Saving Time ends – for 2019, **that's 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3** – many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition, and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark, and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver.

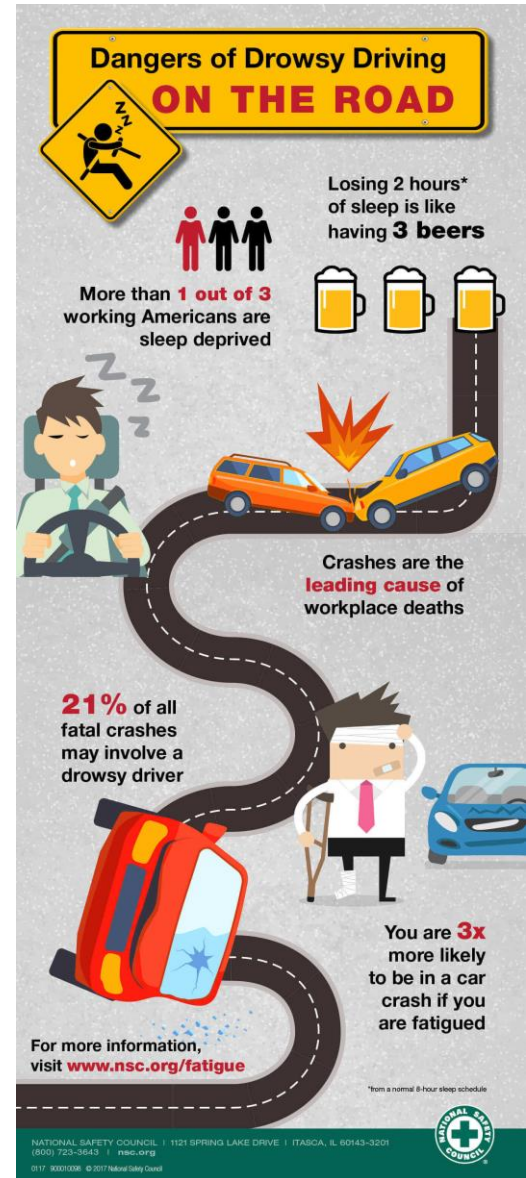
What should you do to combat darkness?

- [Aim your headlights correctly](#), and make sure they're clean
- Dim your dashboard
- Look away from oncoming lights
- If you wear glasses, make sure they're anti-reflective
- Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks
- Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time

[Drowsy driving](#) puts everyone on the road at risk. Losing two hours of sleep has the same effect on driving as having three beers, and **tired drivers are three times more likely to be in a car crash** if they are fatigued.

The National Sleep Foundation offers this advice:

- Get seven or more hours of sleep a night
- Don't drive if you've been awake for 16 hours or more
- Stop every two hours to rest
- Pull over and take a nap if you're drowsy
- Travel during times you are normally awake



## Important Contacts

Police/Fire/EMS **Emergency – 911**  
Non-Emergency Police – 624-4545  
Non-Emergency Fire – 624-4515  
City Hall – 624-4500  
Neighborhood Watch Contact  
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