

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – October 2019



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Please take a moment to discuss the following safety tips from SafeKids.org with your children:

- **Cross the street at corners**, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- **Put electronic devices down**, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children **to make eye contact with drivers** before crossing in front of them.
- **Always walk on sidewalks** or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to **never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars**.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them **to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups**.

Trick-or-Treat hours for the City of O'Fallon are from 6 – 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 31.

The **O'Fallon Fire Department** will host its annual Halloween safe stop at Engine House # 1 located at **106 East Washington Street**. Traditionally, the safe stop is a huge draw for families living in O'Fallon as well as the neighboring communities. As part of the safe stop, guests tour the station, participate in multiple activities with the volunteer firefighters, and learn about fire prevention. Be safe, be seen. Have a safe and happy Halloween!!

In honor of **National Fire Prevention Week Oct 6-12**, OFR Annual Fire Prevention Open House will be at **Station 4 (1215 Taylor Rd)** on 10/08, 10/09, & 10/10 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Bring your family to learn about fire safety and meet your local firefighters! Events include safety demonstrations in the smoke house, fire prevention information, a slide pole for the kids to slide down, our antique trucks, and more!



Parking is limited around the fire house, please consider carpooling, or plan to walk from the Sports Park.

Lieutenant Kerry Andrews Retires from OPD

Please join us in congratulating Lt. Kerry Andrews (Ocean 32) on his retirement from the O'Fallon Police Department.

Lt. Andrews began his career with OPD on January 4, 1993. Over the next 26 years, Lt. Andrews served this community as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant.

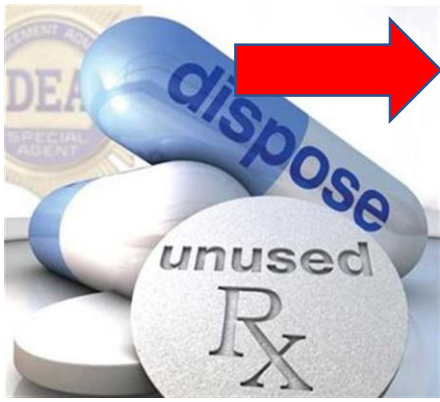
Lt. Andrews retires after having served as an Investigator, Report Officer, and Deputy Commander with the Major Case Squad. He was also a Commander with ILEAS Mobile Field Force, and a Commander with the Child Death Investigative Task Force. Lt. Andrews left a mark on many new officers as an instructor for the SWIC Police Academy and trainer for Mobile Field Force groups throughout the state.

Thank You Lt. Andrews for nearly 27 years of service to the Community of O'Fallon and Law Enforcement throughout the state of Illinois!



The retirement of Lt. Andrews as well as the recent retirement of Sgt. Eric Andrew led to **three promotions**. Please join us in congratulating:





OPD is participating in the [DEA National Drug Take Back](#) event on **Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM to 2 PM** in the main lobby at 285 N Seven Hills Road.

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**

Thanks to all of you who joined us the evening of October 1 for the annual **O'Fallon Police Night to Unite!** We had a great time and we hope you did too!



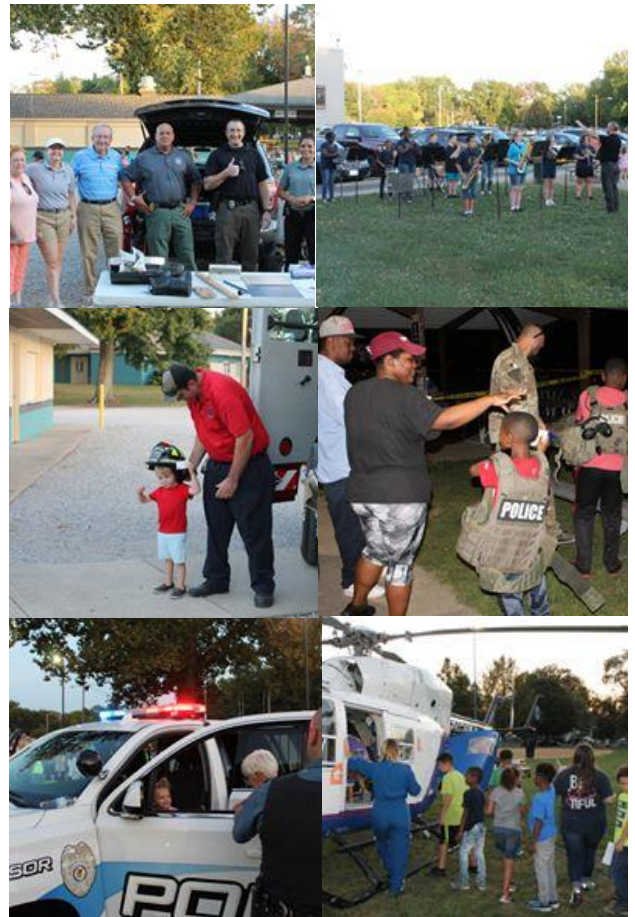
THANK YOU to our sponsors for helping us host another successful Night to Unite!



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Important Contacts

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Non-Emergency Police – 624-4545
Non-Emergency Fire – 624-4515
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