

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – December 2022



The O'Fallon Police Department is now accepting donations for the [US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program](#) . In 2020 and 2021, we were given the **Commander's Award** due to all the support from the community. If you would like to donate a **new and unwrapped toy**, please bring it to the O'Fallon Police Department main lobby before December 10, 2022. Donation boxes are located by the records window.

If you would like to donate large items or have any questions, please contact Detective Adam Krack at 618-624-9595 or [akrack@ofallon.org](mailto:akrack@ofallon.org)





On November 21 we recognized two of our police officers at the City Council meeting. Officers **Ben Sosa** and **Parrish Brito** both received **lifesaving awards** for efforts on a medical call on June 25th.

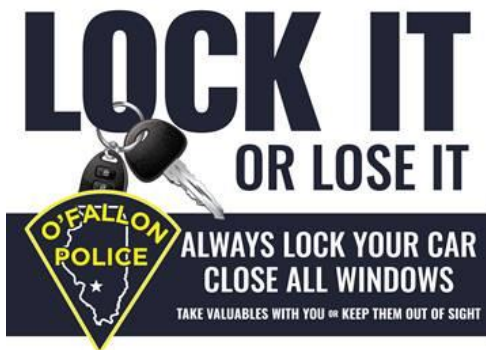
On that date, Officer Sosa arrived on scene of a subject experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency. Prior to EMS arrival, Officer Sosa, with the assistance of Officer Brito, began performing CPR on the patient who was not conscious and not breathing. CPR continued until EMS arrived and took over care of the patient. After about six minutes of CPR, the patient began breathing and sat up. The patient suffered from a medical condition which the EMS Supervisor said would have been fatal without the quick work of Officer Sosa and Officer Brito performing CPR.

Great work Officers Sosa and Brito! The patient's family is undoubtedly thankful for your actions this holiday season.



**Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas!**

**LOCK IT UP!**



**Forgot to lock the car!**

**The presents were in there!**



**O'FALLON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa!

**DECEMBER 10, 2022  
8:00AM - 11:00AM**

**AMELIA V CARRIEL JR. HIGH  
451 N 7 HILLS RD., O'FALLON, IL**

Admission is free!

Breakfast served from 8AM-10AM  
Santa will arrive at 8:30 AM  
Crafts and other activities are available

We will also be collecting canned goods for the  
O'Fallon Food Pantry, as well as new and  
unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots



# SWIC Honors O'Fallon EMS Employees

This past month, the SWIC Paramedic program graduated several classes. Due to COVID-19 restrictions two past classes graduated with this year's students. From O'Fallon, full time paramedics Ryan Hodge and Patty Hefner (class of 2020) walked in commencement. Part-time EMT-B Eric Dickson graduated in the current class. Eric was a student of paramedic Ryan Young as well as an employee. Because of the long delay in graduation, Patty was also briefly an FTO for Eric. OEMS wants to congratulate all current and past graduates!



Left: Ryan and Eric pose after the ceremony

Center: Graduates Eric Dickson and Patty Hefner

Right: Eric Dickson shows off his certificate of achievement

# Slips, Trips, and Falls this Winter

With winter weather and changing conditions. O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS wants to remind everyone to be careful when walking outdoors. Slips, trips, and falls increase dramatically when ice and snow become a factor.

OSHA advises that in the workplace, we should wear appropriate shoes, have adequate lighting, and promptly clean all spills that could result in injury.

Give yourself a few extra minutes to get anywhere when external conditions are less than ideal. Injuries from falls can range from minor bumps and bruises to serious fractures with long recovery times.

If you come across someone that has fallen outside the best course of action is to call for emergency services. While waiting it is best to avoid moving the person and to try to keep them as warm as possible until emergency services can arrive. Stay warm!



**NEW EQUIPMENT FOR TRUCK 4395**



# **HOLMATRO MINI CUTTER**



**OFR IS THE FIRST DEPARTMENT IN ILLINOIS  
TO GET THE MINI CUTTER.**

**THE MINI CUTTER HAS 49,458 POUNDS OF  
FORCE AND IS USED FOR:**

- CHAINS**
- LOCKS**
- SEAT HEAD RESTS**
- STEERING WHEELS**
- GAS/BRAKE PEDALS**
- METAL FENCES**
- REBAR**

# FIRE TRAINING

