

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – April 2022



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DEPARTMENT FAQ



- Collinsville PD requires officers to live in St. Clair or Madison Co.
- Tattoos must not be visible when wearing a uniform, compression sleeves to cover arms are acceptable
- Starting salary \$72,281
- Visit <https://www.collinsvilleil.org/departments/police-department> for more information



- Fairview Heights PD requires officers to live within 25 miles of the police department
- Tattoos may not be visible on neck, face, head, or below the wrist.
- Starting salary between \$69,259 - \$74,344
- Visit joinfhpd.com for more information



- O'Fallon PD requires officers to live in Illinois and within 20 miles of the police department
- Tattoos must not be visible when wearing a short-sleeve uniform, otherwise a long-sleeved uniform must be worn year-round
- Starting salary between \$75,544 - \$77,204
- Visit wearthebadge.com for more information

TESTING FAQ

- The POWER fitness test consists of sit and reach, 1 minute of sit-ups, 1 rep max bench press, 1.5 mile timed run. Visit <https://www.nemrt.com/Downloads/POWERTEST.pdf> for specific requirements
- Valid state issued POWER tests cards, dated less than 6 months from the test date will be accepted to waive fitness testing.
- Testing will be held May 18th for those with a valid POWER test card. All others will test on May 21st.
- Contact Amber Hopkins at hopkins@fairviewpd.org or at 618-489-2158 with any questions

Thank you to the O'Fallon Woman's Club for hosting their annual Red, White, and Blue Breakfast on March 11 at the Public Safety Facility.

These ladies put on one heck of a feast. It was quite the battle of the breakfast casseroles!

For more information about the club, visit <https://ofallonwomansclub.org/>



SEVERE WEATHER WARNING SYSTEMS

The City of O'Fallon uses an Emergency Alerting System composed of nine (9) sirens strategically located throughout the City. The system is designed to alert residents and visitors of potentially severe weather, including tornado warnings and severe storms with high winds.

O'Fallon's emergency alert sirens will be activated during a **tornado warning** or when it has been confirmed that **damaging force winds with a sustained speed of 65+ mph** will impact the City of O'Fallon.

As part of a regional program, O'Fallon's sirens are tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.



In addition to the storm sirens, the City of O'Fallon added two **lightning detection systems** in 2018 at the O'Fallon Family Sports Park and Community Park. The lightning detection systems will set off a **siren and strobe light** when lightning is in the area. When lightning is nearby, a siren will sound for 15 seconds as an initial warning and a strobe light will begin to flash. When the siren goes off, park users should move to a safe and covered area. A 20-minute countdown clock will begin once the last lightning strike is detected. With each detected lightning strike, the countdown clock restarts. After 20 minutes with no detected lightning strikes, the strobe light will stop and three, five-second siren blasts will signify the area is clear of lightning strikes.

The lightning detection system is programmed to not activate sirens or strobe lights during nighttime hours. No sirens or strobe lights will be activated typically between 10:30 p.m. and 7:45 a.m.



O'Fallon PD History

The Death of O'Fallon City Marshal B.B. Schmitt

Contributed by retired O'Fallon PD
Lieutenant Keith Townsend



On March 24, 1916, City Marshal Benjamin "BB" Schmitt was shot and killed. Around 5:30 PM, Marshal Schmitt made contact with two individuals, Thomas Boreman and Kenneth Ford, who arrived via the train earlier in the week. Marshal Schmitt made contact with them at the B&O train depot located in the 100 Block of East State St. in an attempt to figure out who they were and to determine why they were in town. The nature of their conversation will never be known. What is known as reported by witnesses is the conversation between Marshal Schmitt, Boreman, and Ford seemingly concluded as Marshal Schmitt turned and was starting to walk away. Witnesses claim Boreman said something to Marshal Schmitt which caused Marshal Schmitt to turn around and draw his revolver. At the same time, Boreman drew a revolver which he had. Three to four shots were fired by the two men. One of the shots fired by Boreman struck Marshal Schmitt in the heart instantly killing him. Shortly after the shooting, Marshal Schmitt was pronounced deceased by Dr. H.T Bechtold.

O'Fallon Constable McCommins who was nearby heard the shots, arrived on scene, and shot at Boreman missing him. Boreman and Ford took off running, however they were later located by resident George Monroe who held them at bay with his shotgun until help could arrive.

Marshal Schmitt's funeral was held at St. Clare Church located at the intersection of West Third & South Oak. He is buried in the O'Fallon City Cemetery. By all accounts, Marshal Schmitt was a deeply respected member of this community and City Marshal.

In April of 1916, a Grand Jury indicted Boreman on a charge of Murder and in October the case went to trial. Boreman never denied killing Marshal Schmitt and claimed it was in self-defense. A jury later acquitted Boreman on the charge of murder. Boreman later apologized for the killing and offered his \$24 a month Army pension to the family Marshal Schmitt left behind.

Marshal Schmitt's name has been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall in Washington DC and in Springfield IL.

A replica depot where the shooting took place is now the home of the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce across from Shooters.



SAVE THE DATE

This year's EMS week is **May 15-21**. O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS is planning on a hybrid event for the week. Tuesday and Thursday that week will be virtual events held on the department [Facebook page](#). Wednesday will be the open house at the Public Safety Facility (285 N. Seven Hills Rd) from 5pm to 8pm. We would love to have you join us online or in person to see and learn more about O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS!



Don't Get Caught Without a Helmet!



With warmer weather leading to more outdoor activity, O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS wants to take a moment to remind everyone about helmet safety. Helmets are often considered an essential safety tool while riding a motorcycle or a bicycle; but many people fail to realize that ANY recreational activity involving wheels, concrete, or asphalt necessitates a helmet.

OEMS and public health officials advocate for helmet use for things such as contact sports, skating, skate boarding, and using a scooter. Additionally, a helmet needs to be fitted properly and be well taken care of, age appropriate, worn consistently and correctly, and appropriately certified for use. Please use good judgement and proper safety when participating in any recreational activity.

Don't let a lack or improper use of a helmet lead to a tragedy!



NATIONAL MONTH



Donate Life is the national symbol for the cause of organ, eye and tissue donation.

National Donate Life Month is celebrated every April. It features local and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as donors and consider living donation, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation.

National Donate Life
BLUE & GREEN DAY
is April 22!

The public is encouraged to wear blue and green to help share the Donate Life message.

The Need is Great

More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

Did You Know?

55%+ of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by registries.



More than **41,000** organ transplants from 20,300 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2021.

National Pediatric Transplant Week — April 24-30, 2022



This final week of April focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

More than **1,900** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **1,890** children were saved by the generosity of donors & donor families in 2021.

More than **85,600** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.



More than **2.5 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.



More than **170 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause!



O'Fallon Fire Rescue is looking to hire a few additional Part-Time Firefighters. We are specifically in need of Firefighters who are at least 21yrs old. If you know of someone who is qualified / interested, either point them to the online job application

(<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ofallonil>)

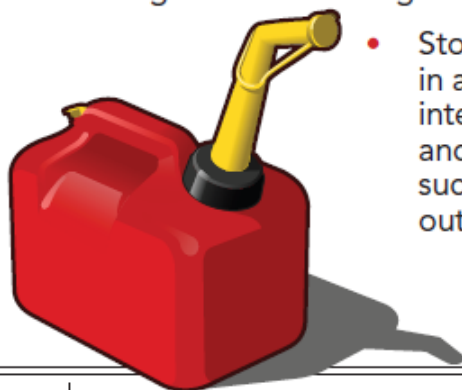
OR have them contact Chief White

bwhite@ofallon.org or DC Harris eharris@ofallon.org

Generator Safety

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

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