

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – April 2023



Senior Education Series
Session 1
Colonnade & Revela



Captain Mike Mojzis lead the first session in a four-part Senior Education Series in March. This program is a reduced version of the Citizen's Police Academy, tailored specifically to the vulnerability of our seniors. In March, he provided the history and insight into the workings of the police department. April topics to be covered are Identity Theft Protection and 9-1-1 Operations. Future sessions will cover patrol operations and an overview of both Fire and Emergency Medical Services.



Pictured: Chief Steve Evans (Collinsville), Chief Brueggeman, Senator Erica Harriss, Chief Tom Coppotelli (Caseyville) and Chief Rich Wittenauer (Shiloh).

On March 21st, Chief Brueggeman participated in the Illinois Association of Chief's of Police Lobby Day in Springfield, IL. Chief Brueggeman, along with 40 other chiefs throughout the state spent the afternoon meeting with State Senators and Representatives discussing legislation related to public safety.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 22, 2023 – 10AM to 2PM @ Public Safety Building

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

As a reminder, the first Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm; individuals can bring their prescription drugs to the Public Safety building for disposal.



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Community Service Officer**

- \$16.00 per hour starting pay
- Part Time - 25 hours per week
- Variable Shifts
- High School Graduate
- Valid Driver's License

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April showers (storms) bring May flowers (or so they say). Be prepared & know where to go!

The City of O'Fallon uses an Emergency Alerting System composed of nine 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. 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.

OTHS 2023 CAREER FAIR



ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023, THE O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL CAREER FAIR FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THERE WERE MANY VENDORS AT THIS EVENT INCLUDING O'FALLON FIRE RESCUE.

CHIEF, BRAD WHITE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KACIE WHITE, BOTH ATTENDED THE EVENT. CHIEF GAVE SEVERAL INTERVIEWS AND TALKED TO APPROXIMATELY 20 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN OUR EXPLORER PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL FIRE FIGHTING CAREER.

IT WAS AN OVERALL SUCCESS!

MANY OF OUR CURRENT EXPLORERS ALSO STOPPED BY THE BOOTH INCLUDING LUKE, KYLEE AND ALEXIS PICTURED IN THE TOP RIGHT PHOTO.





IFSI EXPLORER FIELD DAY



This weekend Scott Hubbard, Riley Weaver and Hayleigh Williams along with a group of our Explorers participated in a field day put on by IFSI at Mt. Olive Fire Dept. Each student went through SCBA training, hose deployment and loads, forcible entry, ladders, fire behavior, and search and rescue taught by Illinois Fire Service Institute instructors.



Employee Spotlight: Ryan Young



O'Fallon EMS wants to begin a new series where we turn the attention to our paramedics and EMT's that are going above and beyond for the department and the citizens of O'Fallon. This month's focus is education, and one name came immediately to mind: Ryan Young. Ryan is an experienced paramedic who came to O'Fallon after working at Abbott EMS and Columbia EMS. Ryan is the primary instructor for our Community CPR program.



O'Fallon offers a community CPR program for citizens to learn lifesaving bystander CPR. In the case of an emergency, we want our residents to feel prepared to respond.

Ryan also works as a system field training officer (FTO). In this role he precepts paramedic students teaching them valuable skills and assessments they will need to provide competent and compassionate care once in the field. We asked Ryan some questions about his time and experience at O'Fallon.

What is your favorite part of teaching community CPR?

I like working with all kinds of individuals. We teach Girl Scouts, teachers, and even grandparents. I like seeing my contributions in real time when they walk out confident in their new skills.

What is your favorite part of being a Field Training Officer (FTO)?

My favorite part of being an FTO is watching a student finally master a hard concept for the first time. It can be a really small thing, but it's great to watch their knowledge and confidence grow.

Why is O'Fallon a great place to work?

O'Fallon is a great place to work because of how much we give back to the community. CPR is just one way that we accomplish this. For more classes and opportunities you can visit our new website at [O'FALLON-SHILOH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE – Municipal Ambulance Service \(ofallon.org\)](http://O'FALLON-SHILOH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE – Municipal Ambulance Service (ofallon.org))



Above top L: Ryan teaching CPR classes to the PD Explorers
Above top R: Ryan teaching CPR to last year's camp Cavin Counselors
Above center L : Ryan and Nick Fensom with a pediatric patient that they saved from a serious head injury
Above Center R: Ryan and Nick and the flight crew receiving an award for the same critical save
Left: Ryan at Shiloh's Trunk or Treat. Ryan is always dependable for a PR event, especially if it includes candy!