

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – August 2022



## Pop-Up BBQ!

O'Fallon PD hosted a pop-up barbeque at Castle Acres on August 2. It was great to see and talk to some of the residents. Hopefully everyone that came out got their fill of hotdogs or hamburgers. Thank you to the residents who came out and participated! An additional thanks goes out to our Fire Department and EMS for helping us out!



# Team Illinois Youth Camp

In 2007, the Illinois State Police (ISP) started the **Team Illinois Youth Police Camp (TIYPC)** for youth with the primary purpose of establishing inter-personal relations between at risk youth and law enforcement in order to create a bridge of understanding between the two groups. The first camp began in the East St. Louis area and is still currently held at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. This year, **O'Fallon Police Captain Mike Mojzis** had the honor of participating as a camp counselor.

The camp is a highly structured week-long residency program and the kids are housed on campus dormitories. The camp, transportation, and activities are provided to kids free of charge. The camp is based on a strict model of discipline and includes para-military drills (formations & marching), physical fitness exercises, and classroom instruction on resisting various societal pressures, dangers of drug & alcohol abuse, hygiene, team building principles, leadership and other life enhancing skills.



# Citizen Police Academy Accepting Applications!

The O'Fallon Police Department will be hosting its 10th annual Citizen Police Academy from **Sept 7 – Oct 26, 2022**. The program will be taught by members of the O'Fallon Public Safety Department and guest speakers from other agencies. This academy is open to O'Fallon citizens or persons working in the City of O'Fallon. There will be a tax deductible \$25 course fee to the participants; which will be donated to "The BACKSTOPPERS, Inc."

The Academy is designed to give participants a realistic view of the day to day operations of public safety work by providing instruction, practicals, and education on numerous topics. The Academy will be open to the first 20 qualified applicants, who are 21 years of age or older. **Classes will be held on Wednesday nights (and one Thursday night) from 6 – 9 PM.**

Applications and additional details can be found here:

<https://www.ofallon.org/citizen-police-academy>

Please follow the link and return your application to Leah Wilson at [lwilson@ofallon.org](mailto:lwilson@ofallon.org) or drop it off at the Police Department.





[O'Fallon City Fest](#) will be held in the Community Park at 401 E. Fifth Street on Friday, August 19 & Saturday, August 20.

Parking on side streets will be restricted as indicated by temporary signs. *Violators will be subject to tow at the vehicle owner's expense.*

**Please be courteous to the residents who live in the area of the park.**

Don't park on private property without permission and don't leave trash behind.

For more information on the City Fest Picnic and Parade, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/Ofallonilcityfest>



It's "Back to School" time and the O'Fallon Police Department would like to remind drivers that citations for **speeding in school zones** carry **heavier penalties** than standard tickets.

[625 ILCS 5/11-605](#)

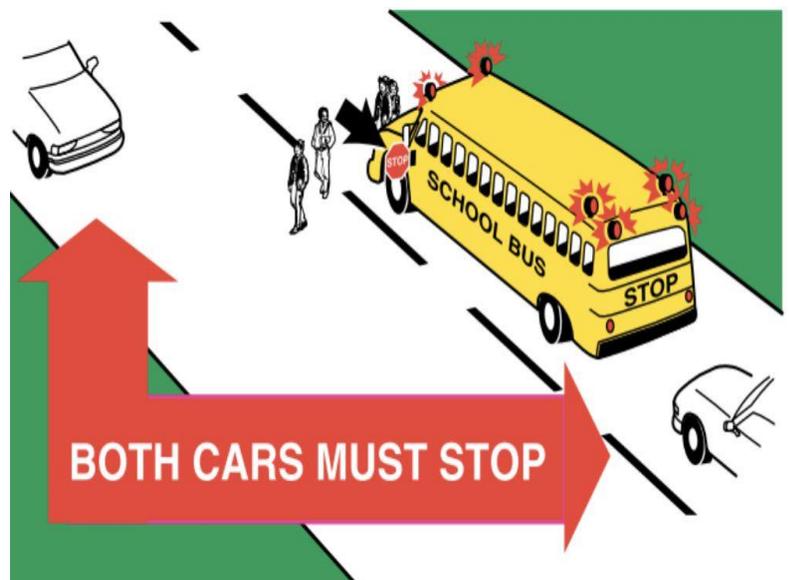
In addition to a **mandatory court appearance**, violations of this Section are punishable with a **minimum fine of \$150** for the first violation and a **minimum fine of \$300** for the second or subsequent violation.

For the purpose of this Section, a school day begins at **7:00 AM** and concludes at **4:00 PM.**

When a school bus is traveling on a two-lane roadway and is stopped to pick up or drop off students, **the vehicles in all lanes of traffic must stop.** Vehicles should stop at least 20 feet before reaching the school bus to allow pupils to cross the roadway safely.

[625 ILCS 5/11-1414](#)

*"the Secretary of State shall **suspend** for a period of 3 months the driving privileges of any person convicted of a violation..."*



# Butterburgers & Badges

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Culver's 1702 W. Highway 50 – O'Fallon, IL

Special Olympics Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers will be at the O'Fallon Culver's from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. We'd love to see you during those hours, but if you can't make it then, don't worry.

Culver's is donating **10% of their sales for the ENTIRE DAY** to **Special Olympics Illinois!!!**



# #9pmRoutine

Five minutes every night can save you hours, days, weeks, months, or years of heartache. Set your phone alarm for 9 p.m. every night and join us in the #9pmroutine.



Lock all ground floor doors and windows.



Make sure valuables are not visible from outside the home.



Empty mailboxes and retrieve packages from your porch.



Remove valuables from vehicles and lock them. Remember to close your garage doors, too.

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



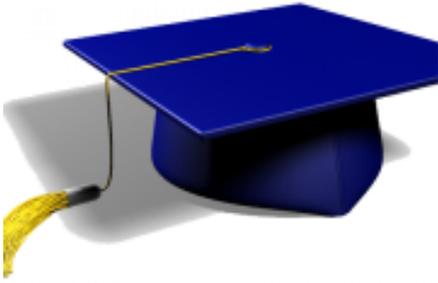
**ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR  
CLOSE ALL WINDOWS**

**TAKE VALUABLES WITH YOU OR KEEP THEM OUT OF SIGHT**

## Prevent Crimes of Opportunity

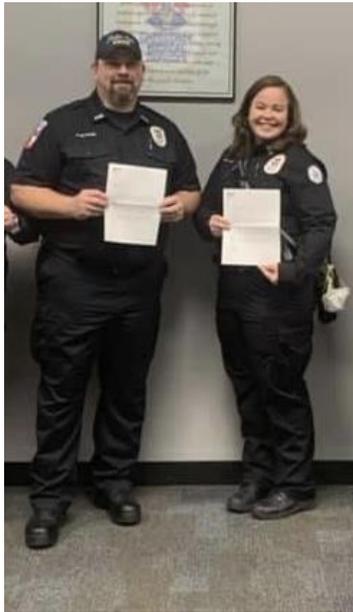
- **LOCK** your cars and roll up windows
- Never leave valuables (purses, electronics, tools, etc) in view
- **LOCK** your home and don't forget the windows
- If you see something, say *something!*

# Graduation Time!



Congratulations are in order! Last month, Paramedics Patty Hefner, Ryan Hodge, and Doug Sutphin successfully completed their 18-month probationary period to become full members of the department. They are an asset to O'Fallon EMS, and we are excited to see their future contributions to the organization.

Below are some highlights from their time in training.



Left: Patty and Doug pose with a letter of recognition from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their compassionate efforts in caring for a vulnerable resident.



Right: Ryan poses for a picture with his family after receiving a Chief's Commendation for his life saving efforts on a call last year.



Left: Patty and Doug assist the Swansea dive team with a standby for a car being towed out of a pond.