

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – August 2023



## BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Slow down and be alert in school zones and around school buses.
- Buses make frequent stops – don't follow too close. Flashing yellow lights mean get ready to stop and flashing red lights with extended warning arms mean STOP.
- Watch for kids at crosswalks and always obey crossing guards and traffic control devices.
- Never change lanes or make U-turns while driving in a school zone.
- Be alert and look for kids playing and gathering near bus stops or walking in the street.
- Expect kids to be unpredictable. We've had too many calls from parents of kids who darted out between cars crossing to a bus stop.
- When backing out of your driveway or leaving a garage, beware of children walking or biking to school.
- When driving your kids to school, always use proper car and booster seats that are appropriate for age. Younger children should always be in the back seat.
- Dropping kids off, follow the school's drop-off procedures. Don't load or unload kids across the street from the school. Don't double park, blocking visibility. Don't pass vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- Watch out for bike riders turning in front of you, coming from driveways, or from behind parked cars. Check your side mirrors for cyclists before opening the door.
- Distracted driving is dangerous for everybody. Put down the devices, coffee, food, and combs and cosmetics when driving.



O'Fallon City Fest will be held in the Community Park at 401 E Fifth Street on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. 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>

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## **Citizen Police Academy Accepting Applications!**

Are you an O'Fallon citizen or employee of the City of O'Fallon? Ever wonder what all goes on at the Public Safety Building? The Citizen Police Academy is your opportunity to learn the day-to-day operations within Public Safety. Classes are taught by member of the O'Fallon Public Safety Department and guest speakers from other agencies. It is designed to give the participants a realistic view through instruction, practicals and education on numerous topics.

Space is limited to the first 20 qualified applicants who are 21 years of age or older living or working in the City of O'Fallon. There is a tax deductible \$25 course fee to the participants; which will be donated to "The BACKSTOPPERS, Inc."

**Classes will be held one night per week 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 via email to Leah Wilson ([lwilson@ofallon.org](mailto:lwilson@ofallon.org)) or drop it off at the Police Department.



During the month of June, [Ace Hardware-O'Fallon & West Belleville](#) ran a "round up at the register" to benefit the O'Fallon PD [Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics](#) program. Manager Jessica at the O'Fallon location recently presented a check for more than \$1,600 to Officers Kalous and Shewmaker.

This money helps thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state compete in 18 different sports at no cost to their families.

Thank you Ace Hardware and everyone who rounded up!



**Friday, September 1: 4pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday, September 2: 10am - 6pm**  
**Sunday, September 3: 10am - 6pm**

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| 2023 T-Shirts (S-4XL)    | \$20 |
| 2022 T-Shirt             | \$15 |
| 2021 and earlier T-Shirt | \$10 |
| Hat                      | \$15 |
| Harley Davidson Raffle   | \$10 |
| Camper Raffle            | \$10 |

**Schnucks**

Schnucks Seven Hills  
 907 E Hwy 50  
 O'Fallon IL 62269  
 618-632-5525



July 22<sup>nd</sup> the OPD teamed up with O'Fallon Apostolic Assembly to host the backpack giveaway. We had face painters, a clown, bounce houses, a band, a dunk tank, hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, and of course free backpacks for the kids.

Thanks to O'Fallon Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 198, O'Fallon Apostolic Assembly and the District 90 Security Staff for helping today



# METROREC PLEX SUMMER CAMP

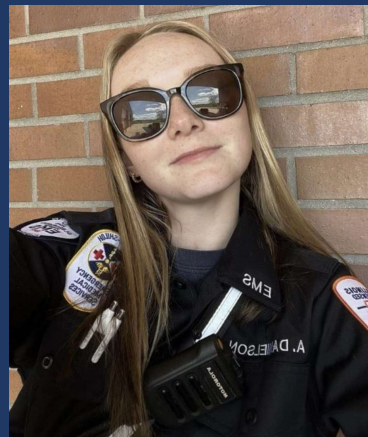


## O'FALLON FIRE RESCUE TRUCK DISPLAY

On July 7, 2023, members of the O'Fallon Fire Department, Deputy Chief Doug Barron, and Firefighters, John Nichols, Hunter Ivy and Cameron Girard taught fire safety to the kids attending summer camp at the MetroRec Plex.

# Back to School!

Please congratulate Braden Patterson, Victoria Montgomery, and Alyssa Danielson who will all start their paramedic programs on August 8. This is an incredible commitment which will benefit the citizens we serve by allowing for a higher level of training across apparatuses.



## What's the difference between an EMT and Paramedic?

While both EMT's and Paramedics are trained to provide lifesaving care on scene and in the back of an ambulance, EMT's are limited within their scope of practice to more basic interventions. EMT's have 120-150 hours of training prior to taking a national exam. Paramedics have 1200-1800 hours of classroom and clinical hours prior to taking a more advanced version of the national exam. Paramedics also require more continuing education hours to maintain proficiency and licensure.

EMT's can provide basic interventions such as oxygen therapy while paramedics are trained in advanced skills such as intubation and surgical airways. Paramedics can start IV's and provide a wide range of medications compared to EMT's.

At O'Fallon EMS we utilize both skill sets to their fullest, but the benefit to having more paramedics is in the increased level of education and experience available by running "double medic" trucks. In the most critical cases, both paramedics can provide care for the patient while another responder drives the ambulance to the hospital.