

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – December 2023



Sgt. Gimpel and Ofc. Schmidt had the honor to attend the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference in Chicago last weekend. They attended the conference with local athletes, Tony, Jim and Alex and former OPD Detective Krack.

Illinois was recognized as the top Fundraiser in the world this past year. Since its inception in 1981 Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised over 1 Billion dollars for Special Olympics.

Thank you to everyone that supports Special Olympics!!! We couldn't do this without your support.

O'Fallon Police Department awarded Illinois Department of Transportation traffic enforcement grant

The O'Fallon Police Department today announced it has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant to conduct additional traffic safety enforcement efforts. The STEP program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes.

"We're pleased to receive this grant to step up our road safety efforts with the goal of saving lives," said Chief Kirk Brueggeman. "Our mission is to make travel safer through directed, proactive patrols and to stop, cite and arrest those who choose to violate traffic laws."

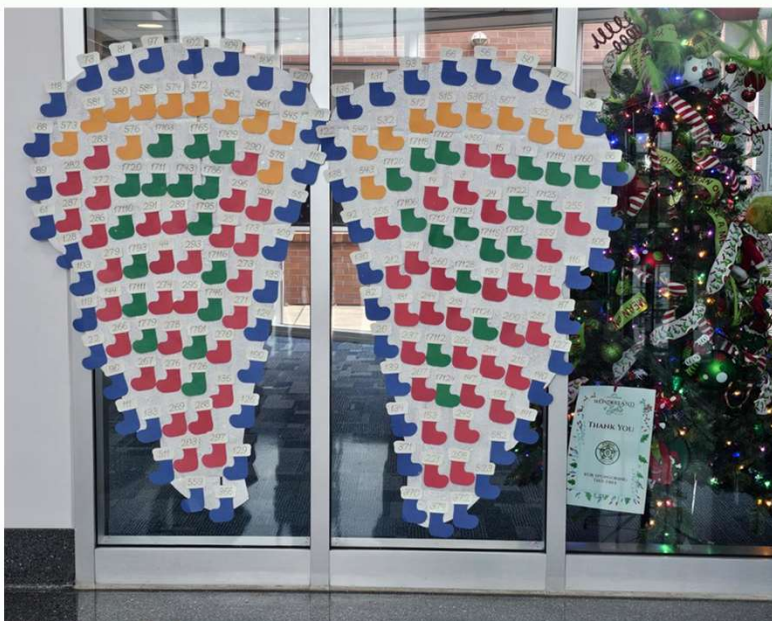
During the STEP grant year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2024, the O'Fallon Police Department will conduct additional enforcement efforts to supplement mandatory enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest times of the year.

The additional efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP grant is funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



**Fraternal Order of Police
Donates over \$105,000 this year!!**



For a limited time, stop in the Public Safety Building and take your picture in front of our wings; supporting the Chamber's theme this year for the holiday season.

Welcome to the Team!



We're thrilled to announce our newest member to the O'Fallon Fire Department, Sara Stockstrom!

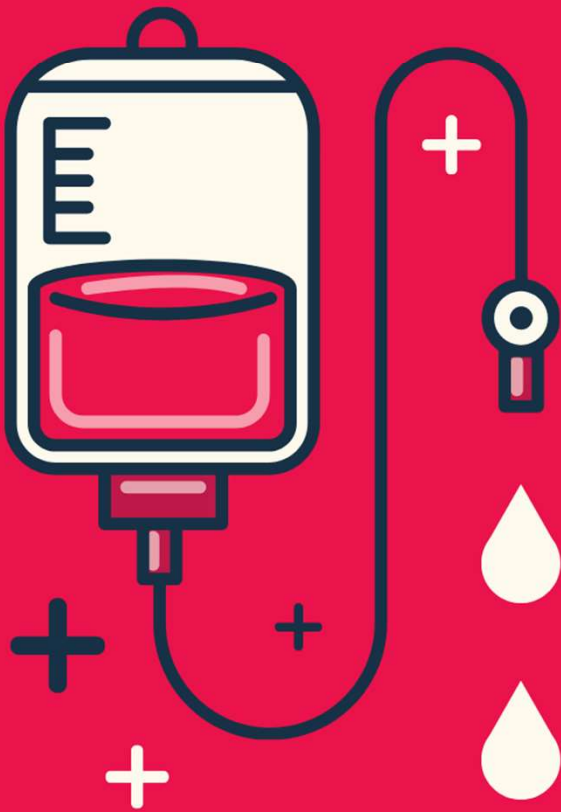
Sara is our new Fire & Life Safety Educator.



Sara comes to us with FF/Paramedic/Fire Prevention experience from Texas and training in community outreach from Missouri.



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Save someone's life with
a drop of your blood!



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Friday

15th
December

2023
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

O'Fallon Fire Sta. 4
1215 Taylor Rd.
O'Fallon IL 62269

Visit
[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)
and enter OfallonFire
to schedule an appt.



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BASIC OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE NICOLAS PARKER, MAX CATICCHIO, AND ALESHA HOPKINS ON COMPLETING 180 HOURS OF TRAINING THROUGH THE IFSI BLENDED BOF PROGRAM. THEY GRADUATED ON DEC 3, 2023.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 9th
8:00 – 11:00am
Carriel Jr High School



Vine Street Winter Market
& Tinsel Around Town
Saturday, Dec 9th
2:00pm – 6:00pm
O'Fallon Station

WINTER
MARKET