

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – January 2023



## Breakfast with Santa



On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, The O'Fallon Police Department hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa event at Carriel Junior High. The event was attended by over 300 people who had the opportunity to meet and have breakfast with Santa, as well as donate food to the O'Fallon Food Pantry and toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program!

Thanks to OPD staff and their families, O'Fallon District 90, graduates of the Citizens Police Academy, The National Junior Honor Society, O'Fallon Police Explorers, Krohn Photography, and Sodexo Food Service for making this year's event a success!



# COPS AND KIDS 2022



Christmas came early this last year for over 46 O'Fallon children. These happy kids received over \$18,000 in toys, clothes and other gifts, with money and donations from the O'Fallon FOP Lodge #198, O'Fallon Walmart and other local businesses and sponsors! Thanks to all the volunteers and families that came out to brighten the season for these deserving kids.

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# 2022 Employees of the year!!!



Clara Harrison, Patrick Lenz, Cloee Frank

**Civilian of the Year:** Clara Harrison works as OPD's records clerk and evidence custodian. Clara is responsible for managing over 18,000 items of evidence and property stored in the evidence vault. She has been with the O'Fallon Police Department just under 20 years.

**EMS Employee of the Year:** In addition to Pat's duties as an outstanding Paramedic, he also manages the EMS supply and restocking program, serves as a Field Training Officer, and assists in the Community Outreach Program like CPR classes and car seat installs. More can be read about Pat in the EMS portion of this Newsletter!

**Police Officer of the Year:** Detective Cloee Frank contributed much this year with her involvement in cases investigated by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and The Major Case Squad. Detective Frank conducted numerous interviews during a Major Case activation earlier this year that led to the identification of all suspects involved. She is also an investigator attached to the Sexual Assault Response Team and Child Death Investigation Task Force.

**Congratulations to our Employees of the Year!!!**

# OPD hires four new Officers!!!



## Jessica Thornton, Taylor Kalous, Marshall Goodman, Gavin Gonzalez

Jessica Thornton had worked at the Illinois Department of Corrections before being hired by O'Fallon.

Taylor Kalous was employed by the SIUE Police Department for 1 ½ years before joining OPD. She is a certified Illinois Police Officer and will begin Field Training immediately.

Marshall Goodman is an O'Fallon native and recently retired after 20 years in the U.S. Army.

Gavin Gonzalez is also an O'Fallon native and has worked as a Community Service Officer with OPD before becoming a Police Officer.

Thornton, Goodman and Gonzalez will start their 16 week police academy training at SWIC immediately.

Congratulation to these four new Officers! **NOW GET TO WORK!**





*Congratulations!*



Michael Lynch  
2022 Firefighter of the year!



Safety Officer  
Recruitment & Retention Officer  
Leader of the Firefighter Improvement Group

# O'FALLON FIRE RESCUE



ILLINOIS FIRE SAFETY  
ALLIANCE

## NEW STATE LAW JAN 1, 2023

ALL SMOKE ALARMS  
MUST HAVE A 10 YEAR  
BATTERY

Dec 14, 2023, there was a press conference at O'Fallon Fire Rescue at Sta 4. Members of IFSA, IL State Fire Marshall along with local Fire Chiefs spoke regarding the new law going into effect Jan 1, 2023.

With the new law, residents will no longer be required to change out the batteries in the new smoke alarms, which will save the average homeowner \$40-\$60 in battery costs. At the end of the 10-year life cycle, the smoke alarm will alert the homeowner to replace the alarm.



# BOF Class 2022

Cameron Girard

Matt Hosman

James Saunders



# Congratulations!



We're all very proud of you.

# Patrick Lenz: EMS Employee of the Year

OEMS wants to send out another congratulation to Paramedic Patrick Lenz! Pat was nominated by his supervisor Tim McCLain for his invaluable contribution of managing the supply for our fleet. Truck readiness is vital to the care that we provide to patients and Pat did a phenomenal job despite supply shortages and the pandemic.

Pat has also been one of the busiest FTO's for the department for the past several medic classes; taking on a student multiple classes in a row. He had a number of critical saves this year including a pediatric patient injured in a serious car accident. Pat is an incredible member of this team and is deeply deserving of this award.





# OEMS Hosts "Shop with a Medic" for Medically Fragile Families

Per tradition, O'Fallon EMS with the help of MEPA adopted two families to bless with Christmas presents. This year, with the help of Cardinal Glennon, we were able to tailor our gifting to two very special families. Both have children that are part of the STAR's program. The STAR's program is a pre-hospital education program and database that allows EMS providers to have up to date information on medically fragile children in their venue. This can be invaluable for knowing medical history and baseline vital signs and lab values when one of these very complicated children become ill.

We have always loved to gift deserving families but being able to help our young patients in a new way made the event more special. One of the children that was gifted is a toddler that had never been in public before that day. Mom told us that he has either been in the hospital or quarantining at home because of his immunocompromised condition. He was absolutely amazed to see all the toys and people and grew especially attached to paramedic Kayla Hoese.

OEMS fundraises the entire year for this event, and we couldn't be happier with the results. We also want to thank volunteers from our EMS family members, community, Memorial Shiloh and St Elizabeth ED who attended.



# EMS: A Year in Review

O'Fallon EMS continued our tradition of excellence by surpassing our record for patient contacts and transports. Even though we are busier than ever, we couldn't be prouder of the impact that we have had on the department and the people we serve. Here are some fun data points to put our year into perspective.

Total Calls: 5,602

Code 3 responses: 1,562

Cardiac Arrests: 66

Chest Pains: 272

Strokes: 92

Traffic Accidents: 228

Falls: 683

Busiest Hospital: St Elizabeth's (48.8% of all transports)

Busiest Truck: Medic 3 (43.2% of all calls)

Busiest Shift: B Shift (34% of all calls)

Busiest Day of the Week: Wednesday (15.8% of all calls)

Busiest Time of day: 1100-1200 (7.3% of all calls)

