O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – July 2022

The O'Fallon Police Department hosted its Citizens' Youth Academy from June 27th - July 1st. Students entering the 8th and 9th grades participated in a police-themed academy session that focused on educating today's youth for what it is like to be a police officer. The academy consisted of 20 students, who participated in classroom and hands-on activities, such as:

CPR/AED Certification
ARCH Medical Helicopter Demonstration
DUI Investigation and the Dangers of Impaired Driving
Crime Scene Processing
K-9 Demonstration
SWAT Demonstration
Taser Training and Demonstration

Students also had the opportunity to learn about other resources and agencies that assist the O'Fallon Police Department, to include the O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS and O'Fallon Fire Department.

Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.
–Special Olympics athlete oath

We share a lot of fundraisers for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics throughout the year... Here is the reason we do it! The Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games were held June 17-19 at Illinois State University. We want to congratulate all the Athletes who competed over the weekend for their hard work and perseverance!

O'Fallon PD Det. Nick Schmidt had the honor of being one of four officers in the state who participated in the final torch relay on the field as a representative of OPD's first place Polar Plunge fundraising team. Thank you for helping us support our favorite Athletes throughout the year at our various fundraisers!

Speaking of fundraisers for Special Olympics Illinois, save the date for these events:

"Butterburgers & Badges"
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

"Tip a Cop"
Friday, September 16, 2022
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Stay tuned for complete event details on the O'Fallon PD Facebook Page!
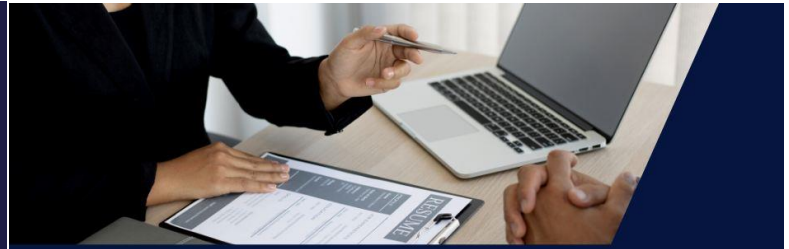
Civilian Employment Opportunities with O'Fallon PD

Now Hiring for the Position of
Community Service Officer
- $14.64 per hour starting pay
- Part Time - 25 hours per week
- Variable Shifts
- High School Graduate
- Valid Driver's License
Visit
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ofallonil
To Apply

JOB VACANCY
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Part-Time Records Clerk - Starting at $17-18 / hour
APPLY AT: HTTPS://BIT.LY/3XTEMYA
- Talk with people to establish a rapport;
- Provide accurate written and oral descriptions;
- Accept and direct telephone calls;
- Participate in meetings at the direction of the Public Safety Analyst;
- Exchange information with other law enforcement agencies;
- Interact and work with citizens;

For more information on these positions or to apply, visit
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Illegal Fireworks Enforcement in O'Fallon

Over the past several years, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of residents setting off illegal fireworks in the city limits. These illegal fireworks have greatly increased in size and often resemble those from commercial fireworks displays. Illegal fireworks can cause serious burn and eye injuries as well as property damage. Each of these mortar type fireworks shoot projectiles that travel hundreds of feet into the air and must come down at some point, frequently on the roofs and property of others in the neighborhood. In addition, the loud noises of these large fireworks are a nuisance to many of our residents.

This year, the O'Fallon Police Department will be enforcing our city and state laws regarding fireworks. Our focus will be on large fireworks displays and officers will be issuing **citations** when probable cause exists. On the weekend of the Fourth of July, we will be bringing in additional officers to supplement the regular patrol crews to decrease response times to fireworks complaints. We love America as much as the rest of you, however, we have a responsibility to our residents to ensure a safe and quiet Fourth of July season. It is possible to have a fun Independence Day celebration without the illegal fireworks. Before you go out of state for your illegal fireworks, please think twice and save your money instead of watching it blow up in front of you.

The Ordinance prohibiting fireworks can be viewed here:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ofallon/latest/ofallon_il/0-0-0-15369?fbclid=IwAR0dNkOZzcoQKGusfbSWalekmodDA7XapX2WIluKz3KS8EsbVbugT6e-6GM

From Explorers, to Employees

Above:
Alyssa Danielson as an Explorer. Alyssa is expected to start as a new employee after June 28.

Below:
Hayleigh Williams as an Explorer and as a new employee.

O'Fallon- Shiloh EMS wants to take a moment to highlight two new employees with a unique connection to the department.

Part time EMTs Hayleigh Williams and Alyssa Danielson are both new hires that began their careers as part of the O'Fallon EMS Explorer program. Both Alyssa and Hayleigh credit the Explorer program for increasing their interest in EMS and giving them the opportunity to observe in the field prior to taking the time to go to school. Our Explorers observe every call that it is safe for them to be on, interacting with our employees, equipment, and patients face to face.

Both ladies began the program while in high school and then went on to obtain their national registry certification and Illinois license allowing them to practice in the field. At the foundation of the Explorer program, we seek to support our riders and empower them to enter the field knowing what they are getting into.

Hayleigh agreed stating, "the program is amazing it allows someone at a young age to make the decision if EMS is right for them. I can definitely say that my time as an Explorer has prepared me and made me a better basic."

O'Fallon EMS wants to welcome both women to our team and thank them for their service and commitment over the years!

For more information on the Explorer program, visit https://www.ofallon.org/emergency-medical-services/pages/ems-explorers

O'Fallon Fire History

Brian Keller, one of our city historians, recently shared the below photo and the back story with members of O'Fallon Fire.

The below picture is "O'Fallon firefighters working a structure fire at the Evangelical Church on March 27, 1905. The current O'Fallon UCC building at Cherry and Adams is basically on the same foundation as the one in the photo. The fire was believed to have started with burning rubbish in the nearby German School yard finding its way to the church roof. This photo may be the earliest depiction of the O'Fallon Fire Department fighting a fire".

So far, he hasn't seen one older. If you have any historical photos you would like to share, please contact the O'Fallon Historical Society at (618) 624-8409.

O'Fallon Fire Rescue would like to thank all of our generous sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and supporters for making our 23rd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser so successful!