

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – July 2023



*Fireworks Display
Family Sports Park
July 3rd at Dusk*

Did you know that Illinois has a Fireworks Regulation Act? In 425 ILCS 30, the law prohibits the storage, sale or use of "fireworks," which it basically describes as anything that will explode. The law lists all types of cool fireworks names that are illegal, and also all types of cool names of things that are not considered "fireworks." The same law was adopted in 1992 by the City of O'Fallon as [Ordinance 137.42](#).

Why bring this up you may ask...this a PSA that OPD will be actively enforcing fireworks violations with a zero-tolerance approach to violations. Anyone violating this act will be subject to the issuance of a citation.

Unfortunately, not all of our residents are able to enjoy fireworks the same way. For this reason, we ask for your consideration and adherence to the state and local ordinances.

Thank You in Advance from your OPD.



On April 16, 2023, O'Fallon resident Mark Ahlf suffered a life-threatening medical emergency in the middle of the night. From the time of the 911 call through his transport to a local hospital, the first responders and his wife Kim Ahlf, worked in conjunction to perform lifesaving measures for almost 30 minutes. Each link in this life saving chain were necessary to ensure a successful outcome and were instrumental in saving his life.

At this Monday's City Council Meeting First Responders, along with Mrs. Ahlf, received Lifesaving Awards from the Director of Public Safety for their actions that night.

The Public Safety recipients were:

Telecommunicator Taylor Carroll, Police Officer Will Carter, Paramedic Michelle Wrigley, Paramedic Connor Shock, Paramedic Patty Hefner, Paramedic Supervisor Tim McClain and Paramedic Terry Sill (not pictured)

We are thankful for the actions of the family, our public safety employees, and physicians, who were able to save Mr. Ahlf's life!



Thank you for all your donations to this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run. We raised over \$6,300 over the two weekends.

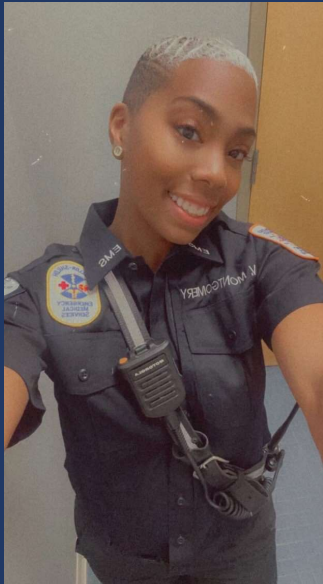
EMS Visits Vine Market!

O'Fallon EMS "C shift" stopped into the vine market earlier this month for some coffee and breakfast but were able to meet with the community in an impromptu "touch a truck." We saw an upwards of 50 kids and parents giving 3 of our 5 new employees a chance to meet with our amazing citizens. These events are some of our favorites and was a great way to spend our Saturday!



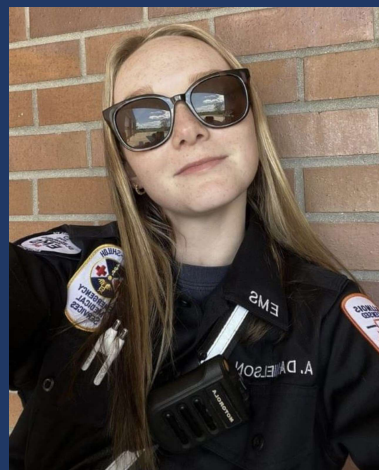
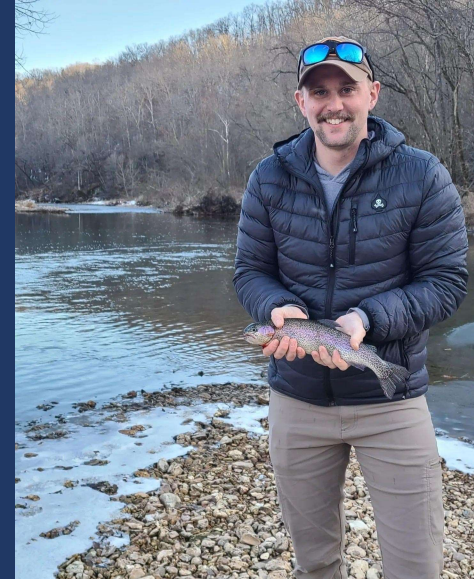
Welcome Our Newest Hires!

OEMS wants to extend a warm welcome to 5 new hire employees that are beginning, or have recently started, their probationary period with O'Fallon EMS. In order to staff the newly approved 3rd ambulance for 24-hour coverage, 3 EMT's and 2 Paramedics joined the O'Fallon Family. We are excited for the chance to use our new resources to better serve the community with prompt, accurate, and courteous care!



Left: Victoria Montgomery is an EMT who comes to us from Medic 1. Tori is on "C shift" and will be attending the paramedic class in the fall.

Right: Braden Patterson is a former part time EMT who will be working on "B" shift. Braden comes to us from Highland EMS and will also be attending the paramedic program in the fall.



Nancy Yergerlehner, Left, is a paramedic coming to us from Phelps County EMS. Nancy will be working on "A shift".

Alyssa Danielson, center was promoted from part-time. Alyssa will work on C shift and will be attending paramedic class in the fall.



Bottom Left: Donovan Knapp is a paramedic coming to us from Abbott EMS. Donovan will be working on "C shift"



24TH ANNUAL O'FALLON FIRE GOLF CLASSIC

We want to thank everyone who sponsored our event, participated in it and helped work it! Because of you, we raised \$24,000!



Tamarack Golf Course June 2, 2023

TERRY BOWMAN

Retiring



After **21** Years

OF HARD WORK & DEDICATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRAFICE
AND FOR PROTECTING THE O'FALLON
COMMUNITY!





DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
O Fallon IL Fire Department

Community Room
1215 Taylor Rd
O Fallon, IL 62269

Friday, August 4, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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