

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – June 2022



The O'Fallon Police Department would like to thank the talented and dedicated Investigators from 15 different agencies who were activated with the [Major Case Squad](#) for the recent shooting in O'Fallon. Due to their diligent work, several people were charged in relation to this case. For more information about that case, visit <https://www.ofallon.org/police-department/news/major-case-squad-concludes-ofallon-homicide-investigation>

What is the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis?

The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis became operational on May 1, 1965. The Squad originally covered a geographical area comprising of the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, and Franklin in Missouri, and Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe Counties in Illinois. Presently, the Major Case Squad has expanded its geographical area to include the Counties of Warren and Lincoln in Missouri and the Counties of Jersey, Macoupin, Bond, Clinton, and Randolph in Illinois. Currently, there are over 500 investigators in Missouri and Illinois who are members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis.

Upon activation, a Deputy Commander who heads the investigation, two Deputy Report Officers, and approximately fifteen to twenty investigators respond to the Command Post established by the requesting agency within two hours of activation. The initial activation is set for a number of days, and it can be extended with the permission of the Commander of the Major Case Squad.

The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis is recognized as being one of the top investigative squads in the United States and has a clearance rate of over eighty percent (80%) on the cases they are involved in. For more information, visit <https://majorcasesquadstl.org/>

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table at Sam's Club on May 21 & 22. We were able to raise more than **\$3,400 for Special Olympics Illinois** and we had a great time cooking out with our favorite Athletes!

Special thanks to Sam's Club for donating all the meat and allowing us to host this event for the first time since 2019!



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.

For those of you that still want to view fireworks, the City will be hosting a fireworks display at the Sports Park on July 3, 2022. The Ordinance prohibiting fireworks can be viewed here:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ofallon/latest/ofallon_il/0-0-0-15369?fbclid=IwAR0dNkOZzcoQKGusfbSWalekmodDA7XapX2WllluKz3KS8EsbVbugT6e-6GM

Throughout the week of May 15 – 21 , Scott Air Force Base hosted events in support and honor of **Police Week**. This is something they do each year and invite area police officers to participate in.

On Wednesday, May 18, we had a team compete in their "**Battle of the Badges**" event. This was a team event which consisted of a shooting challenge followed by a HMMV push, ammo-can carry, buddy carry, tire flips and finally another HMMV push (those things are heavy).

It was a well-organized event consisting of eight 4-man teams. Our team consisted of Det. Jon Friedrich (Fairview Heights PD), Ofc. Brett Johnson, Chaplain Brad Lewis, and Lt. Patrick Feldhake. We had a great time and are looking forward to next year! We would like to thank Col. Fitzpatrick, TSgt. Cody and the rest of their staff for their hospitality and support for Law Enforcement!



EMS Week Recap



OEMS had a productive and gratifying EMS week. We are so grateful to our public safety team, community members, and hospital partners that provided support and tokens of appreciation. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our open house due to the threat of severe weather and plan to reschedule for a later date. Despite that setback, we were able to teach CPR to 50 Camp Cavins employees. Additionally, Paramedic and crew leader Nicholas Fensom was awarded FTO of the year by St Elizabeth's EMS system. We were also well fed throughout the week by both hospitals. We could not do the type of work that we do without the unending support displayed during this week.



Above: Paramedic Nick Fensom receives his award for FTO of the year from Dawn Elliot during the quarterly EMS run review.



Left: Paramedic Ryan Young pauses instruction to pose for a quick picture.

Right: Paramedic Marty Nungesser providing hands on training on the proper deployment and use of an AED.



Left: Supervisor Tim McClain instructs a group of students in a scenario including hands on CPR.



Above: Paramedic Ryan Young combines classroom and hands on learning of the proper hand placement for CPR.

See Lucas in action!

Last month we introduced you to the newest OEMS employee, Lucas. You might have already seen Lucas in the field. He has already proven that he is a hard worker. This month, we wanted to provide a step-by-step guide on how we use the Lucas device to quickly and effectively provide compressions for a patient in cardiac arrest. A special thanks to our EMS Explorer Lucas McMinn for the demonstration.

Step 1: OEMS begins hands on CPR while the Lucas is deployed. Our goal is to start compressions early and minimize interruptions in chest compressions.



Step 2: The patient is rolled, and a back plate is placed under the patient's upper back.



Step 3: the top of the unit is clicked into place, and the suction cup is adjusted for each individual patient's size.



Step 4: Lucas is powered on and set to begin continuous high-quality compressions. Reminder: as long as Lucas is charged, he never gets tired and always performs better than even his fittest human coworkers.



Step 5: When the team is ready to move, the patient is secured to the device with the hand cuffs and neck strap. Lucas can keep compressing through almost anything including narrow spaces where a human compressor would not fit. Helping improve outcomes during transport.



Here is OFR's newest addition to our training area at Station 4. It is a four-container, two-story burn tower.

Live fire training is essential in the fire service. It teaches firefighters how to fight fires safely and effectively in a controlled setting under supervision. Under live-fire conditions, firefighters can view the phases of fire and its development while learning the various types of nozzle patterns and their effect on thermal layering and how fire visibility changes by upsetting the thermal layer. Our department prides itself on our training and we feel this addition will benefit our department and our district greatly by allowing our firefighters to stay in district while obtaining live fire training.

Though there are a few finishing touches left before the project is complete, we are looking forward to using it when it is ready!



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