

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – March 2024



Please join us in congratulating Clara Harrison on her retirement from the O'Fallon Police Department. Clara served the department for over 20 years as a Record's Clerk, and most recently as Evidence Custodian. Clara is also a four-time winner of the Civilian of the Year Award.

We are so very fortunate to have had Clara serve our community. She has been the gold standard of what we look for in a member of our department; professional, dependable, and community minded. You would be hard pressed to attend an OPD event and not see Clara volunteering her time to make it successful.

Thank you for your service... and of course, thank you for your friendship. We wish you the best in your retirement!

In early February, Sgt. Brian Gimpel, Sgt. Nick Schmidt, and Ofc. Mike Shewmaker attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics 2024 Kickoff Event to prepare for this year's initiatives. Departments were also recognized for their success during 2023. We are proud to say that the O'Fallon Police Department received the Platinum Level Fundraising Award, as in 2023 alone, we raised \$100,069 for Special Olympics. We were also the top fundraiser in the state for police departments with between 26 and 75 sworn officers.

If that wasn't enough, we were honored to receive the coveted Flame of Hope Award for 2023! This award is bestowed on a department or individual who shows ingenuity, drive, commitment, and dedication to the Torch Run. In 2020, Sgt. Gimpel received the individual Flame of Hope Award.

We are extremely grateful for both Sgt. Gimpel and Sgt. Schmidt, whose leadership and drive helped make this possible. We are also excited to have Ofc. Shewmaker volunteer to join the team and help lead our efforts in the future. This would not have been possible if not for the support of all our officers, staff, their families, our community, and the athletes. We would like to thank the O'Fallon Fraternal Order of Police for their support in 2023 through the generous donation to the All-Abilities Playground, and the donation of a wheelchair accessible bus to the PTOEC (Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children). Lastly, we would be remised if we did not thank one of our Citizens Police Academy Graduates, James Ford, who has become a valued member of the OPD family, an avid supporter of Special Olympics, and who helped make this possible.

We're looking forward to another great year in 2024!





Thanks to your help, Team OPD raised an unprecedented amount of over **\$67,000** for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge, supporting Special Olympics Illinois.

We are proud of the officers, their family members, and community members who took the plunge today for Special Olympics Illinois.





O'FALLON TOWNSHIP RUMMAGE SALE

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
SUE WITTER AND THE ENTIRE
GROUP AT THE O'FALLON
TOWNSHIP RUMMAGE SALE
FOR DONATING \$3000.**

**THE MONEY WILL GO
INTO THE EXPLORERS
FUND FOR EXPLORER
COLLEGE AT IFSI IN JULY
OF 2024.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE EXPLORER
PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT US.



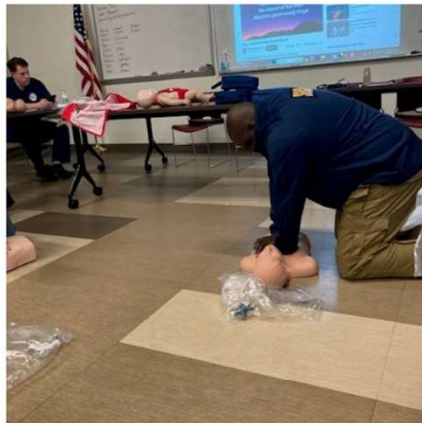
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CPR Class



CPR certified trainer, Byanca Rodriguez with Vitali Partners, LLC held a training class for the O'Fallon Fire Rescue at Station 4 on February 13, 2024. Certification is required every 2 years for our firefighters.

2024 O'Fallon Fire Banquet



The annual fire banquet was held on February 17, 2024, at the KC Hall. Dan Lindow received Firefighter of the year. Riley Weaver received Top Trainee of the year and Logan Hernandez received Top Responder and Top Trainee of the year!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Don't miss this opportunity to help! We are looking for individuals who want to promote their business by sponsoring the golf tournament. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the fire department. We offer several options to help advertise. First option is a hole sponsor. We offer 3 levels: Chief \$500, Deputy Chief \$250 or Asst Chief \$100.

Each sponsor will have a sign on one of the holes at the tee box. Second option is donating a gift basket or prize for our raffle the day of the tournament. Last option is donating items for our goodie bags that each golfer gets at the start of the tournament. We will have 144 golfers, so we would need 1 for each golfer.

Suggestions below for types of items needed for goodie bags.

O'FALLON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

MAY 31, 2024

**Tamarack Golf Course
Shiloh IL**

Call 618-624-4515 or email

kwhite@ofallon.org



GOODIE BAG ITEMS SUGGESTIONS

- SLEEVE OF 3 GOLF BALLS**
- GOLF TEES (3-5 PER GOLFER)**
- GOLF TOWEL**
- BALL MARKER**
- DIVOT REPAIR TOOLS**
- VISORS OR HATS**
- SUNSCREEN/LIP BALM**
- WATER BOTTLES**
- COUPONS/CARDS FOR A FREE ITEM OR DISCOUNT**
- FOOD/SNACKS/GUM/MINTS**
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

MIKE SHEWMAKER

Retiring



After **15** Years

OF HARD WORK & DEDICATION

Mike joined the Explorers Program for the fire department in September 2002 and in 2009 joined the department as a firefighter. In 2019 Mike became a dispatcher for the O'Fallon Police Department and switched to patrol in January 2022 after graduating from the academy.

Congratulations on your many years with the fire department and the police department is lucky to have you.

