

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – May 2024



## Grilling Out for Special Olympics

Special Olympic Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers will be selling Hot Dogs and Burgers at Sam's Club to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois!

**When: Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5**  
**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Where: Sam's Club**  
**1350 W Hwy 50;**  
**O'Fallon IL**



Thank You to the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce for the invitation to the 8th Grade Career Fair today. O'Fallon Public Safety was there providing information about careers in Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Safety Telecommunications.

Did you know Police, Fire, and EMS offer Explorer programs for individuals 14-20 years of age who are interested in these career fields?

You can learn more about these programs:

**Police:** <https://www.ofallon.org/programs/pages/police-explorers>

**Fire:** <https://ofallonfire.com/explorer-post/>

**EMS:** <https://ofallonshilohems.ofallon.org/become-an-explorer/>





April 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of welcoming our newest officer to your O'Fallon Police Department. Officer Ibrahim Bedwan was administered the Oath of Office for the position of Police Officer by Commissioner Susan Holden. Officer Bedwan started his law enforcement career with the Southwestern Illinois College Police Department. Having already attended the police academy, he is starting his Field Training program today. We are happy to have him as part of the OPD family, and proud to have him serving our community!



April 24<sup>th</sup> was the third annual Denim Day event we've hosted at the Public Safety Facility. Denim Day is one way we show solidarity and support for the victims of sexual assault. You can learn more about the history of Denim Day at <https://nationaltoday.com/denim-day/>

We hosted lunch for city employees, encouraged those to wear denim and asked those employees wearing jeans to make a \$5 donation. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Violence Prevention Center. Our friends from Meds, along with the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) from St. Elizabeth's joined us as well. Special thanks to Det. Nick Luttrell and our Intern Madisyn for all your help organizing and hosting the event.



On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the culmination of 16-weeks of training for Officer Pellicciotti at the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy graduation ceremony. In addition to his successful completion of the police academy, Officer Pellicciotti received the award for Best Defensive Tactics. He was also the runner-up for Best Overall Physical Fitness. Officer Pellicciotti served as a class leader and was voted Class President by his peers.

We are extremely proud of his accomplishments and excited to have him back at OPD to begin his Field Training Program!

Congratulations Brett, Excellent Work!

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# Know the Difference

## **TORNADO WATCH: BE PREPARED!**

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room.

Be ready to act quickly if NWS issues a warning or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps save lives!

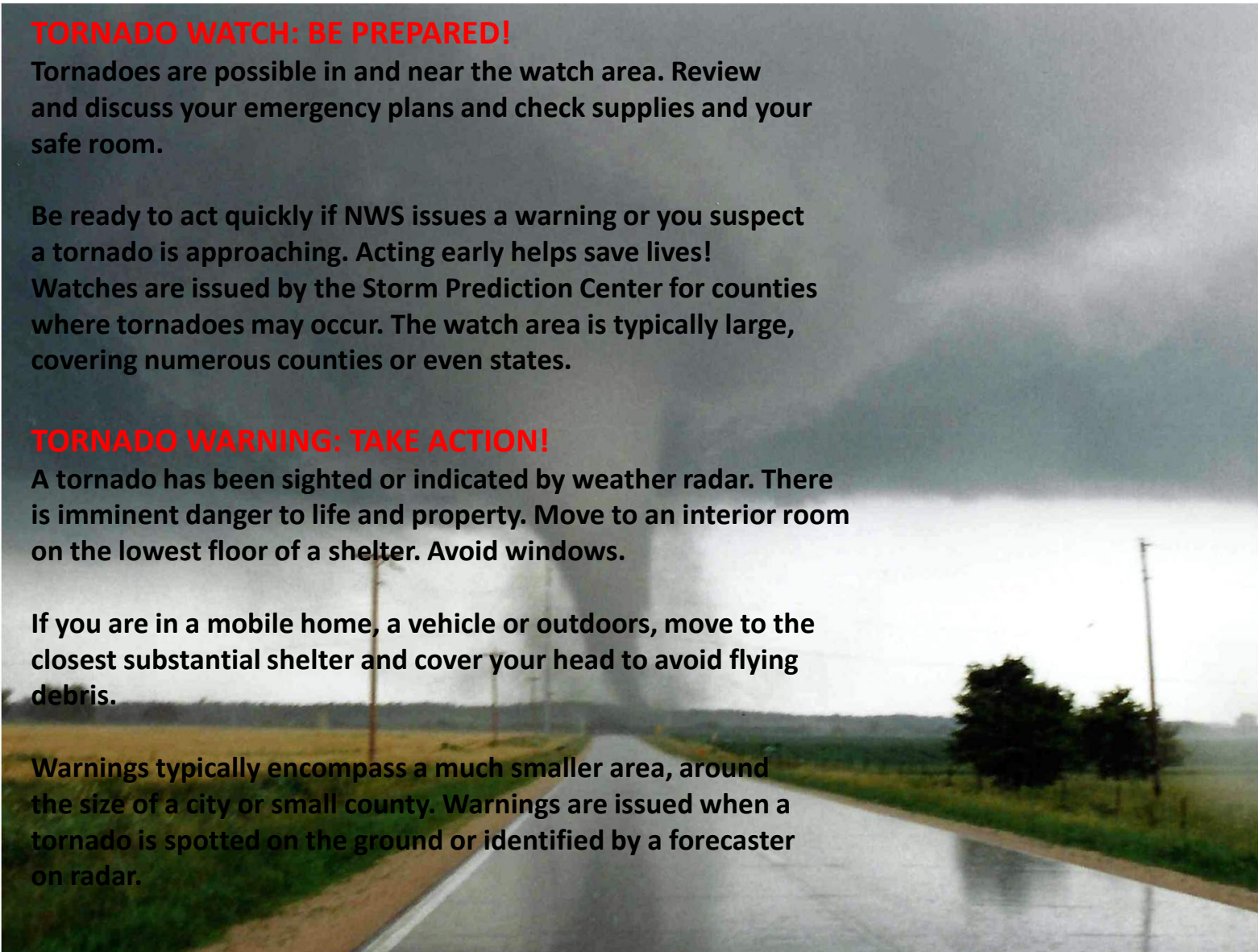
Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

## **TORNADO WARNING: TAKE ACTION!**

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a shelter. Avoid windows.

If you are in a mobile home, a vehicle or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and cover your head to avoid flying debris.

Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area, around the size of a city or small county. Warnings are issued when a tornado is spotted on the ground or identified by a forecaster on radar.





# TORNADO SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

## BEFORE

- ✓ **BE WEATHER-READY:** Check the forecast often to see if a tornado is coming. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- ✓ **SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS:** Know how to get warnings. Media broadcasts and smart phones can alert residents of severe storms capable of producing tornadoes.
- ✓ **CREATE A PLAN:** Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and shelter spaces. Pick a safe room in your home, such as a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- ✓ **PRACTICE YOUR PLAN:** Conduct a drill regularly so everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching. Make sure all family members know where to go when a tornado warning is issued. Don't forget pets if time allows.
- ✓ **PREPARE YOUR HOME:** Consider having your safe room reinforced. You can find plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection at [fema.gov/safe-room-resources](http://fema.gov/safe-room-resources)
- ✓ **HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR:** Encourage your loved ones to prepare for the possibility of tornadoes. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt.

## DURING

- ✓ **STAY WEATHER-READY:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated about tornado watches and warnings.
- ✓ **AT YOUR HOUSE:** If you are in a tornado warning area, go to your basement, safe room or an interior room away from windows. Don't forget pets if time allows.
- ✓ **AT YOUR WORKPLACE OR SCHOOL:** Follow your tornado drill and proceed to your tornado shelter quickly and calmly. Stay away from windows and do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums or auditoriums.
- ✓ **OUTSIDE:** Seek shelter inside a sturdy building immediately if a tornado is approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are NOT safe.
- ✓ **IN A VEHICLE:** Being in a vehicle during a tornado is NOT safe. The best course of action is to drive to the closest shelter. If you are unable to make it to a safe shelter, either get down in your car and cover your head, or abandon your car and seek shelter in a low lying area such as a ditch or ravine.



If you don't have a tornado shelter, stay in an inside room or hallway and cover your head. Photo: NOAA

## AFTER

- ✓ **STAY INFORMED:** Keep listening to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for updates about more tornado watches and warnings that may be coming. The next round of thunderstorms may bring more tornadoes.
- ✓ **CONTACT YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES:** Let your family and close friends know you are okay so they can help spread the word. Send text messages or posts updates on social media. These posts are more reliable forms of communication than phone calls.
- ✓ **ASSESS THE DAMAGE:** After the tornado threat has ended, check for property damage. When walking through storm damage, wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes. Contact utilities if you see power lines down and stay away from them. Stay out of damaged buildings. Be aware of insurance scammers.
- ✓ **HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR:** If you see someone injured, call 911. Then, if you are trained, provide first aid until emergency responders arrive.



After a tornado, watch out for dangerous debris such as sharp metal, glass or downed power lines. Photo: NOAA

# Citizens' Youth Academy

## O'Fallon Police Department

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

**OPEN TO ALL  
STUDENTS ENTERING  
THE 8TH & 9TH  
GRADES**

- June 03 - June 07 2024
- 8am - 4pm
- Class size limited to 20!

**Activities Included:**

O'Fallon Police Department Tour  
O'Fallon-Shiloh Emergency Medical Services Tour  
Certification in CPR & AED Use  
K9 Demonstration  
Virtual Simulation Pistol Training  
Crime Scene Processing  
Live-Fire Pistol Shooting  
O'Fallon Honor Guard Demonstration  
SWAT Demonstration  
O'Fallon Fire House #4 Tour & Demo  
O'Fallon Historical Society Tour



**\$25 to be paid on first day**  
Application can be found [here](#) or in  
Main Lobby of Police Department

618-624-9596  
bcallahan@ofallon.org

**O'FALLON  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



# **Rape Aggression Defense for Women**

**Hosted by  
O'Fallon Police  
Department**

**The Rape Aggression  
Defense Basic Personal  
Defense System is a  
national program of  
realistic self-defense  
tactics and techniques  
taught for women  
only. All courses are  
taught by nationally  
certified R.A.D.  
instructors.**

**Classes are \$25 and all  
proceeds are donated  
to the Violence  
Prevention Center of  
Southwestern Illinois**

**12 Hours of  
Instruction Broken  
Into 3 hour Blocks**

**June 11th  
June 19th  
June 25th  
July 2nd  
6-9 PM**

**Classes for women  
age 16 and up  
Registration must be  
received by June 3rd  
at 6pm.  
Classes are limited to  
20 participants**

**For more information call O'Fallon PD  
(618) 624-4545 or email Ofc. Kalous  
(tkalous@ofallon.org) Ofc. Carter (wcarter@ofallon.org)**

Every Tuesday the O'Fallon Fire Dept trains on various scenarios. April 16, 2024, Hayleigh Hutchins & Sam Allard practice forcible entry. This is a skill set that firefighters require in order to gain entry into various types of buildings. A selection of cutting, striking, prying, and hydraulic tools are utilized to gain entry into residential or commercial buildings when no other means are available.



# Forcible Entry Training



# 8th Grade Career Fair

**APRIL 25, 2024**

The Chamber of Commerce organizes an annual event, which takes place at the Regency Conference Center, aimed at guiding 8th graders in contemplating their future career paths.

With around 65 booths available, students have a wide range of options to explore. Divided into four sessions, they have the opportunity to visit multiple stations, inquire about professions, understand motivations behind career choices, grasp salary ranges, and discover the essential skills required for various roles. City departments EMS, Fire, PD, Library and Government all participated in the event.

Participating schools include Fulton, Carriel, Joseph Arthur Middle School, Shiloh, St. Clare, and First Baptist.

A sincere appreciation goes out to the Chamber of Commerce and its dedicated staff for prioritizing the well-being of our youth and community!



On Feb 17, 2024, the O'Fallon Moose Lodge held a BBQ at the American Legion for the O'Fallon Fire Explorers.

The Moose Lodge donated \$500 which will go towards Explorer Fire College in July.



O'Fallon EMS Paramedic Yegerlehner had the opportunity to teach Troop 216 the importance of CPR and first aid. Troop 216 was very eager to earn their first aid badges and very knowledgeable! Congratulations girls for earning your badges!!



## FIRST AID BADGES



**Congratulations  
Troop 216**

# 8th Grade Career Fair

O'Fallon EMS participated in this year's 8th Grade Career Fair. Paramedic Crew Leader Marty Nungesser spoke to young students about the exciting career of emergency medical services, what it takes to be a paramedic, and the importance of learning CPR and first aid.



O'Fallon EMS participates in the **Chamber of Commerce Eighth Grade Career Fair** at the Regency Conference Center every year in hopes of connecting with our community's youth. Staying with our mission, our organization believes that shaping the future of our profession begins with connecting with kids and showing a life in public safety can be very rewarding.