

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – October 2022



## O'Fallon's Newest Police Officer

On August 29, we had the pleasure of swearing in our newest police officer, Ty Matzenbacher. Ty came to us after serving as a police officer with the St. Louis County Police Department for 6 years. Before his position with St. Louis County, Ty worked as a civilian Community Service Officer for OPD.

We are excited to have Officer Matzenbacher back with the City of O'Fallon! As a certified police officer, Ty immediately began his orientation and Field Training Program.





# 2022 Night to Unite!



**Tuesday**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
O'Fallon City Park  
401 E. Fifth St.

## 100% FREE!

Free Food!  
Free Goodie Bags for Kids!  
Free Raffles for Bicycles and Pizza!  
Police, Fire, and EMS Vehicles on Display!  
K9 Demonstration!  
Much More!

Come enjoy food, refreshments,  
and fun with your O'Fallon  
Police Department!





## Did You Know?

[The 618 Now](#) is a 10-min weekly podcast that gives listeners a snapshot of what's happening right now in O'Fallon and Shiloh. They highlight new developments and projects, details of upcoming events, and report on good news happening in our community. New episodes release Friday mornings and are available wherever podcasts are streamed (Apple, Spotify, TuneIn, Google Play, etc).

The 618 Now is a production of the [O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce](#) and [The O'Fallon Weekly](#). Pictured below: Nick Miller with the O'Fallon Weekly and Jessica Lotz with the Chamber of Commerce celebrating 10,000 downloads in the first year of the podcast's existence.



In case you missed it, Captain Mike Mojzis and his friend "Captain Oinkers" spent some time in the dunk tank at the [VFW Post 805's](#) annual Baconfest on September 10. Congratulations to the VFW for another successful event for our Veterans!







Thank you to **Texas Roadhouse** and everyone who came out to support our favorite Athletes on Friday, September 16. Thanks to the generosity of O'Fallon residents and visitors and the hospitality of the staff at Texas Roadhouse, we were able to raise **\$7,500 for Special Olympics Illinois!**

We don't have the final numbers for the year yet, but it's safe to say 2022 was a great year for O'Fallon PD's fundraising for the [Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics!](#)







## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Please take a moment to discuss the following safety tips from [SafeKids.org](https://www.safekids.org) with your children:

- **Cross the street at corners**, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- **Put electronic devices down**, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children **to make eye contact with drivers** before crossing in front of them.
- **Always walk on sidewalks** or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to **never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars**.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them **to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups**.



**Trick-or-Treat** hours for the City of O'Fallon are from **6 – 9 p.m. Monday, October 31, 2021.**

We would like to remind everyone of the “**Porch Light Code**”.

- If you are welcoming trick-or-treaters to knock on your door, leave your porch light, or driveway light on.
- If you do not wish to have trick-or-treaters approach your home and door, please leave your porch light, or driveway light off on Halloween.

Trick-or-treaters should only approach **well-lit homes** and residences. Please pass by any locations that do not have their lights on.

To prepare for trick-or-treaters:

- Clean up.** Put away tripping hazards, such as garden hoses, toys and bikes. Clear wet leaves and other debris from the sidewalk.
- Turn the lights on.** Replace burned-out bulbs to ensure visibility at the walkway and front door.
- Control your pets.** Take no chances that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.

**Metro-East Communications (MECOMM)** dispatches for three fire departments as well as the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 32, which is comprised of multiple fire departments throughout the area who respond for large scale mutual aid incidents. Only a few of our 9-1-1 Telecommunicators have true firefighting experience. Those who do not rely on training and knowledge provided to them initially and through experiences while on the job. Recently, the Illinois Fire Service Institute hosted a two-day in-service training for dispatchers to participate in radio communication drills, extrication exercises, technical rescue, live fire, and hands-on training in realistic environments. Attendees had the opportunity to "connect the dots" between the moment the call is taken and what occurs on the scene of an incident.

Telecommunicators Teresa Wuest and Shaina Fauss attended and as you can see in the photos had a busy, but very enlightening experience.





# Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™



In honor of National Fire Prevention Week Oct 9-15, O'Fallon Fire Rescue will be hosting our Annual Fire Prevention Open House. It will be held at Station 4 (1215 Taylor Rd) on 10/11, 10/12 & 10/13 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We would like to invite you and your family to attend. Events include safety demonstrations in the smoke house, live fire behavior demonstration, bounce house for the kids, our antique truck and more!

\*\*\* Parking is limited around fire house 4. Please consider carpooling, or plan to walk from the Sports Park. \*\*\*

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

